

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES ROBERT
SHERMAN

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 13, 2006

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. James Robert Sherman, winner of the Eugene Casson Crittenden Award.

The Eugene Casson Crittenden Award was first presented in 1967 recognizing superior achievement by permanent employees of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, also known as NIST. James Sherman is a recipient of this award for performing services that had a significant impact on technical programs beyond his own office, going above and beyond the call of duty.

James Sherman, "Jim" to family and friends, grew up on a small family farm and he worked hard each day with his father and brothers. He learned the value of a good work ethic early on. Married to his wife Betty, and soon to be a father, Jim began work at the Colorado Research Corporation as a machine sheet metal welder. Among many important technological milestones at CRC, Jim helped to build parts for the analog computer as well as special components for Boeing.

On October 20, 1965, Jim Sherman became an employee for the National Bureau of Standards, known as the NBS, which would later be called NIST. Jim joined the NIST team in the Boulder Laboratories as part of the technical community and the Engineering, Maintenance, and Support Services Division, EMSS, as a laboratory mechanic. In 28 years in this position, Jim worked diligently on sheet metal work for the first atomic clock and on a device used to measure the ozone layer. Jim worked to acquire more warning time for the tornado warning system and in doing so provided research which aided in the development of the Doppler radar system as we know it today. In 1995 the shops in Boulder came to a close, and Jim gladly accepted his new position as Shop Planner.

Since, Jim has been the one responsible for ensuring the town streets are clear of snow. Right from the start, Jim was given the responsibility for maintaining the snow removal equipment before the first snowfall of the season and he did this with much success. Of his own accord, Jim, using his own mastery of welding, would even recondition the blades of the snow plows saving the EMSS from the necessity of contracting outside help. Soon, Jim was given the responsibility of leading the snow crew and overseeing the operation. As he took on this leadership role he always conducted himself in a truly professional manner. On many occasions Jim could be found arriving much before a site opened and leaving far after the close of business. This can-do attitude left him with the reputation as the go-to guy.

As of October 20, 2005, James Robert Sherman worked for the National Institute of

Standards and Technology for 40 years. His dedication, reliability, and work ethic through the years made Jim the ideal candidate for the Crittenden Award as well as a model citizen of the great State of Colorado. Not only has Jim worked hard for the State of Colorado with passion and drive, but he is also extremely well respected by his peers.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Sherman, a man of great integrity, dedication, and commitment. Jim has worked tirelessly, time and time again, going above and beyond the call of his regular duties. As a Member of Congress I am proud to represent such a fine citizen of the 4th District of Colorado.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND
IDEALS OF NATIONAL ENGI-
NEERS WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise today in support of National Engineers Week and to especially honor three 8th-grade students from Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District, Emily Duffield, Alannah Pratt, and Max Showalter from Chippewa Middle School in Shoreview, Minnesota, along with their teacher, Nancy Roussin and their volunteer professional mentor, Stefan Gantert, an engineer for the Rice County Highway Department in Minnesota.

For the second time in 4 years Chippewa Middle School has won the National Engineers Week Future City Competition—a competition that encourages seventh- and eighth-graders to explore science, engineering, math, the arts, and writing in order to create models of future cities. The program requires that students work as a team to think about the future and apply engineering and creative concepts in the writing of an essay and the creation of a 3-dimensional model of a future city.

Winning the competition required that Emily, Alannah, and Max all work together to problem solve real-life scenarios, to apply their math, computer and science skills, and to present their ideas as a team. It is these kinds of opportunities that allow students like Emily, Alannah and Max to explore interests in engineering and to be inspired to possibly pursue an education and career path in the math and sciences. We need more young men and women to enter math and science fields in order to have a workforce and citizenry that can compete on a global level and strengthen the U.S. economy.

It is with great esteem that I rise to extend appreciation for and a congratulations to current engineers like Stefan and future engineers—perhaps young men and women like Emily, Alannah, and Max who—have the creative vision and the critical math and science skills to imagine and create a better world in which to live, work, and play.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROY HERBERT
NIX

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 13, 2006

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the profound bravery and selfless patriotism of Mr. Roy Herbert Nix. Mr. Nix proudly served our Nation in U.S. Army during the tumultuous times of the Second World War. The sacrifices he made to ensure the liberty and freedom of future generations will never be forgotten.

Born in the mountains of Northern Georgia, Roy's family later moved to Colorado when he was five years old. In 1943, at the age of 19, Mr. Nix was drafted into the Army and was assigned to the 112th Infantry. From the farms and fields of Colorado, Mr. Nix soon found himself on the violent, battle-hardened shores of Normandy following the Allies' D-Day invasion of German-occupied France.

In August 1944, Mr. Nix was captured by German soldiers and became a prisoner of war. Mr. Nix and his fellow POWs were forced to march at night from Normandy to a camp outside Paris. They were then herded into boxcars and transported, under constant threat of strafing by Allied aircraft, deep inside German territory. Sixty men were piled into each boxcar in which they could neither stand, nor lie down. With the exception of two, ten-minute toilet breaks a day, the POWs were forced to remain in the squalid boxcars twenty-four hours a day for sixteen days.

For what undoubtedly seemed like an eternity, Mr. Nix was confined to a prisoner of war work camp at Moosburg, Germany, at Stalag 7-A. Humiliated and near starvation, Mr. Nix and his fellow prisoners were forced to fill bomb craters. Working in the nearby forests, the prisoners were forced to endure the extreme cold wearing nothing on their feet except rags.

For a time, he was put out on a farm to work. There, a young child named Sophie would come talk to him by the barn. In the gravity of the moment, even this young girl was scared, because she knew that Roy Nix's life could be taken at any time.

As the war drew to a close and their captors grew desperate, the prisoners at Moosburg were forced to march seventy-five kilometers into the frigid Alps. Finally, after months of captivity, Mr. Nix's day of liberation arrived.

At this time, his brother Fred who also served in Germany, remained with occupation forces. Later, the brothers found out they were in close proximity to each other while Roy was in German captivity.

Mr. Nix returned home to his wife Irene. Though they moved to North Carolina, they later moved back to Colorado to raise their children. Roy and Irene had twin sons Bruce and Gerald, who were born during his captivity. The young couple was also blessed with a beautiful daughter, Janet.

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Mr. Nix has lived his life as a hardworking family man who is always the first to help those in need. He is a lifelong member of the local VFW and the local Baptist Church. His love of family and commitment to community confirm Mr. Nix's integrity and character.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Mr. Nix and other men and women who have given so much for our freedom. Like so many other members of the "Greatest Generation," Mr. Nix set aside his ambitions and risked his life for our nation. I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing my heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation for the patriotic service of Mr. Roy Herbert Nix.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN HOLTORF,
JR.

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

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Monday, March 13, 2006

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John Holtorf, Jr., for his impressive contributions to Colorado agriculture. John is a successful producer who is a leader in the use of innovative agricultural practices. He has compassion for the land and has been able to consistently demonstrate good stewardship. Additionally, John's willingness to involve local area youth in the daily ranch activities has had an extensive impact on numerous young lives.

John attended a one-room schoolhouse as a young person, and then went on to attend Colorado A&M College, now Colorado State University. He joined the U.S. Army and served from 1956–1957. Following his service, he returned home to the family ranch 14 miles north of Akron. In 1961, John became secretary-treasurer of Holtorf Incorporated and manager of the 8,000 acre Buffalo Springs Ranch. Under his management, pastures were reseeded and fenced to prevent overgrazing and the Hereford cow operation was converted to a crossbred Angus cows/Hereford bull operation. In 1994, John built a 3,000-head custom feedlot.

John tested and incorporated many innovative management practices, including artificial insemination, estrus synchronization and rotational grazing. He has worked with the Colorado Division of Wildlife to reintroduce antelope to the area, and to select a suitable location for prairie chickens. He offered the spring-fed ponds at Buffalo Springs for local public fishing and established a trophy bass breeding and Canada Goose reserve. John and his brother Tom became the first U.S. certified natural and organic beef producers and feeders in the region.

John has been a positive influence on many young lives in the area by opening his home to the area youth by sharing his time and knowledge. He has taken young people under his wing and taught them responsibility, respect for the land, the value of hard work, and the ability to embrace new challenges with enthusiasm. He has helped them select, train, and prepare beef cattle for shows. He shared with them all the joy of living, learning and working in agriculture. He and his wife Lea raised 3 boys; Vincent, a Lieutenant Colonel serving in the U.S. Army; Victor, who owns his own consulting firm and Richard, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Colorado National Guard.

John's lifelong contributions to agriculture have earned him induction into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame in February of 2006. He has helped sustain a way of life that honors the land while helping feed the world. I am proud to honor John Holtorf, Jr., for his devotion to Colorado agriculture.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 15

9 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace.

SD-430

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Patrick Joseph Schiltz, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and John F. Clark, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, both of the Department of Justice, proposed comprehensive immigration reform legislation, S. 1768, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 829, to allow media coverage of court proceedings, S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S. 2292, to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges, and S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

SD-226

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Joint Strike Fighter F136 Alternative Engine

Program in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future year's defense program.

SH-216

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Post-Palestinian election challenges in the Middle East.

SD-419

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1899, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children.

SR-485

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine ground forces readiness in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Navy.

SD-192

Aging

To hold hearings to examine eliminating retirement income disparity for women.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Secretary of the Senate, Architect of the Capitol, including an update on the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center.

SD-138

11:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

1:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine innovation and competitiveness legislation.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine hospital group purchasing, focusing on if the industry's reforms are sufficient to ensure competition.

SD-226

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the progress of the programs on the Government Accountability Office's high-risk list, including whether a proposal to create a Chief Management Officer at the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense would foster a culture of accountability necessary for improved high-risk program performance.

SD-342

3 p.m.

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Air Force and Navy tactical aviation programs in

review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program.

SR-232A

MARCH 16

9 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine pending calendar business.

S-207, Capitol

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219.

SH-216

Appropriations
Interior and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Forest Service.

SD-124

Finance
International Trade Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Cuno and competitiveness.

SD-215

Appropriations
Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Transportation and Amtrak.

SD-138

10 a.m.
Appropriations
Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Research, Education, and Economics, Rural Development, and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

SD-192

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine impacts on aviation regarding volcanic hazards.

SD-562

Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration's strategy to restore and protect the Great Lakes.

SD-628

Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the homeless programs administered by the VA.

SR-418

10:30 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act relating to enhancing public health and medical preparedness.

SD-430

1:30 p.m.
Judiciary
Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights Subcommittee
Business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 12, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

SD-226

2 p.m.
Appropriations
State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine an overview of democracy programs.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.
Appropriations
Energy and Water Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Nuclear Security Administration budget.

SD-124

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine understanding the obligation of Funds Transparency Act, focusing on the need for earmark reform and legislation that would be an important step toward achieving such reform.

SD-342

3 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

S-128, Capitol

3:30 p.m.
Armed Services
Strategic Forces Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Global Strike Plans and programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.

SR-222

MARCH 28

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the settlement of Cobell v. Norton.

SR-485

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration budget and the long term viability of the Aviation Trust Fund.

SD-562

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine public health infrastructure.

SD-430

Appropriations
Energy and Water Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Bureau of Reclamation.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
National Ocean Policy Study Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine offshore aquaculture.

SD-562

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Retirement Security and Aging Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Older Americans Act.

SD-430

MARCH 29

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine U.S. non-proliferation strategy and the roles and missions of the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy in non-proliferation in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program.

SR-222

Indian Affairs
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-485

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the importance of basic research to United States competitiveness.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.
Armed Services
Strategic Forces Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine missile defense programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.

SR-222

MARCH 30

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee
To hold an oversight hearing to examine National Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System.

SD-562

Appropriations
Energy and Water Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Yucca Mountain/EM/Office of Safeguards and Security.

SD-138

Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, the AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and the Vietnam Veterans of America.

SD-106

2 p.m.
Armed Services
Personnel Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine reserve component personnel policies in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine competition and convergence.

SD-562

APRIL 4

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration funding options.

SD-562

APRIL 5

9:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense's role in combating terrorism in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session.

SR-222

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the problem of methamphetamine in Indian country.

SR-485

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Sergeant at Arms and U.S. Capitol Police Board.

SD-138

3 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine improving contractor incentives in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.

SR-222

APRIL 6

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

National Ocean Policy Study Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine offshore aquaculture, focusing on current pro-

posals to regulate offshore aquaculture operations, discuss research in this field being conducted off the coasts of New England and Hawaii, and the impacts that expanded aquaculture operations would have on fishermen, seafood processors, and consumers.

SD-562

APRIL 26

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine fostering innovation in math and science education.

Room to be announced

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center.

SD-138

MAY 3

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Government Printing Office, Congressional Budget Office, and Office of Compliance.

SD-138

MAY 17

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine accelerating the adoption of health information technology.

Room to be announced

MAY 24

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center.

SD-138

JUNE 14

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine alternative energy technologies.

Room to be announced

POSTPONEMENTS

MARCH 15

2:30 p.m.

Appropriations

Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for military construction.

SD-138