

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING CABRINA GOMEZ

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 16, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the achievements of an outstanding young woman, Cabrina Gomez, and for her work with the Arthritis Foundation and Walk for A Cure.

As a young woman, Cabrina was always active in cheerleading and dance, however, late in the summer of 2003, she began to experience severe pain in her legs, arms, and hand muscles. In January 2004, doctors diagnosed Cabrina with chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP). This nerve disorder enlarges the spinal column, which prevents brain signals from controlling muscles. Cabrina stopped cheerleading and dance classes due to the onset of CIDP. About 1 in 300,000 children are diagnosed with this disease.

Cabrina fights this disease through several treatments including steroids and plasma phoresis. However, these treatments do not have long-term results. Throughout her treatments, Cabrina continues to have a positive attitude, and she uses this disease to raise money for the Arthritis Foundation and Walk for A Cure.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to recognize and honor Cabrina Gomez in front of my colleagues on the floor of the House of Representatives today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 16, 2006*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, during roll call vote No. 40 to order the previous question on H. Res. 725, I was on a leave of absence due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

A TRIBUTE TO DR. KATHLEEN CASHIN

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 16, 2006*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Kathleen Cashin, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn community.

Dr. Kathleen Cashin's career as an educator commenced more than 30 years ago. She was a teacher, staff developer, reading consultant, and program manager in the New York City public schools. Her expertise in school leadership and her compassion for staff and children enabled her to successfully lead

P.S. 193, The Oil Hodges School, as principal, for 16 years.

As Superintendent of Community School District 23, Dr. Cashin continued her commitment to children. Her ability to lead supervisors, foster professional growth, and engage parents and the community was reflected in the educational resurgence of the District 23 community.

Presently, as Regional Superintendent of Region 5, Dr. Cashin continues to create an environment that offers growth opportunities for students and their families. She is committed to fostering professional growth on the part of all staff, as well as engaging parents and community leaders in all components of the educational program.

Dr. Cashin's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Brentwood College, a Master of Science degree in Education from Brooklyn College, and a Professional Diploma and Doctorate from Fordham University.

Outside of school, Dr. Cashin leads an active life. She is an athlete who enjoys jogging, swimming, and skiing. Possessing boundless energy, Dr. Kathleen Cashin has dedicated herself to educating children and ensuring that every child receives an equal opportunity to develop into a contributing member of society.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Kathleen Cashin, as she offers her talents and community services for the good of our local communities.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Kathleen Cashin's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

Mr. Speaker, please join our community in honoring Dr. Kathleen Cashin for her dedication and outstanding service to our community.

CONGRATULATING OWEN GRAY AND BIG O'S SEAFOOD GRILL FOR RECEIVING THE 2005 RESTAURANT NEIGHBOR AWARD

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 16, 2006*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Mr. Owen Gray, owner of Big O's Seafood Grill in Gulf Shores, Alabama, on the occasion of receiving the National Restaurant Association's 2005 Restaurant Neighbor Award.

Owen is a vital member of the Gulf Shores community. Following the devastation of Hurricane Ivan in 2004, Owen's restaurant, Big O's Seafood Grill, was one of the few restaurants in the area capable of continuing business. Over a two-week period, Owen, with the help of his manager, sister and fiancé, was able to provide more than 25,000 meals to relief workers. Working on just a generator with no power, gas, or water, he fed the relief workers,

including state troopers and the National Guard, three meals a day! Owen, his employees, and volunteers worked 12- to 14-hour days providing these meals. Soon other restaurants that were too damaged to serve at their locations brought over food for Big O's to serve.

The National Restaurant Association's Restaurant Neighbor Award was designed to raise awareness of charitable giving like Owen's and honor restaurateurs from across the country for outstanding community service.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my congratulations, as well, to Owen Gray and Big O's Seafood Grill for receiving the National Restaurant Association's 2005 Restaurant Neighbor Award. I know his family, his many friends, his employees, and especially his loyal customers join with me in praising his accomplishments and good deeds.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY, 2006

SPEECH OF

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 15, 2006*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Chairman, there are important provisions in the supplemental appropriations that I support. Funding for upgraded military vehicles and tanks in Iraq will help protect troops and the National Guard. There is funding for programs such as Community Development Block Grants which will help in the recovery from Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast and in New Orleans. I'm proud to have helped lead Congressional efforts requesting the administration to include funding for peacekeeping in Darfur. This supplemental includes \$253 million for these efforts in Sudan.

However, I cannot support this bill collectively and as a supplemental that is outside of the regular order of the budget process. It is time we take the budget process seriously and get our spending priorities in order.

This is the largest supplemental appropriations measure ever considered by the House of Representatives at nearly \$92 billion. The bulk of this spending, \$68 billion, is for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. These efforts have now been ongoing for years and I will not support the administration's and Republican leadership's attempts to camouflage hundreds of billions of dollars by handling it through supplemental bills, which are for unexpected or emergency items. Most of this spending is neither unexpected nor emergency in nature.

The administration is asking Congress to raise the debt ceiling another \$781 billion on top of the current \$8.2 trillion limit and the House refuses to have a separate vote accepting responsibility to pay for its reckless fiscal policies. This supplemental spending bill is

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a symbol for an administration and Congress that refuse to take our fiscal situation seriously.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE ARTHUR K.  
WEINSTEIN

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 16, 2006*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Judge Arthur K. Weinstein on the occasion of his retirement. Judge Weinstein is being honored by his colleagues, family and friends for his lifelong commitment to public service.

After graduating from Boston University, Arthur's mother encouraged him to "do something for the world." Inspired by her words, he joined the Peace Corps. He was assigned to a small, remote village in Malawi, Africa where he helped build a clinic for infants which is still in use today. Although he had to extend his stay an additional year to complete the project, he never wavered. The clinic has helped save the lives of hundreds of thousands of children.

In 1969, not wanting to veer from his personal mission, Arthur moved to California to attend UCLA and earn a masters degree in public health. He then served as a senior health educator for the county of Los Angeles. During these years he married, raised a family and attended evening law school classes. His strong interest in public service led him to become a defense attorney for the State Compensation and Insurance Fund and a certified specialist in Workers Compensation Law.

Arthur Weinstein was appointed a Workers Compensation judge nearly 5 years ago, achieving a long sought after goal. He has earned a stellar reputation and the respect of his peers. Judge Weinstein is married to Dina and they have three grown children and six grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting an outstanding member of the community, Judge Arthur Weinstein.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LORI ANN  
FOUTZ

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 16, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lori Ann Foutz who is the recipient of the 2006 Nevada Young Mother of the Year Award.

Lori graduated from Brigham Young University in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in art education and a minor in health. She and her husband, Tracy Foutz, moved to Henderson in 1990 where he has worked for Clark County and the city of Henderson as a city planner. They have four children: Lance Tracy, Travis Lee, Jaclyn Beth, and Victoria Jo.

Lori has been a weekly classroom volunteer in her children's classes for the past 12 years, specializing in fun Halloween parties, campaign manager for her kid's student council elections and homecoming floats. She has

served as chairman for the PTA Reflections Art contest for 10-year-olds.

Lance and Travis have achieved their Eagle Scout award, run cross-country and played volleyball in high school. All four children have participated in soccer and basketball, and the girls attend dance classes.

Lori is very active in the LDS Church and has served as president of the Young Women's Organization and is currently the president of the women's auxiliary, the Relief Society. She is responsible for more than 150 women, seeing to their temporal and spiritual needs.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Lori Ann Foutz today. She is a fine example of motherhood and I commend her for her service to the State of Nevada.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 16, 2006*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 41 on H. Res. 725, providing for consideration of H.R. 4939, I was on a leave of absence due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

A TRIBUTE TO CLAUDETTE  
ELLIOT

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 16, 2006*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Claudette Elliot, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn community.

Claudette Elliot is a quiet maverick and community trailblazer. Born in Trinidad West Indies, Claudette and her family emigrated to the United States of America in the mid-1960s where she pursued her dream of higher education. A staunch advocate of education, Claudette obtained an associate degree in business administration at Kingsborough Community College, a bachelor's degree in business management at Long Island University and a professional diploma in paralegal studies at Baruch College. During her 30 plus years of employment, Claudette worked in both the private and public sector. Presently, she is employed by the New York City Housing Authority where she tirelessly serves the residents of the Brownsville community.

Her socially conscious political work has brought her into contact with a number of organizations that have greatly benefited from her talents. Claudette is committed to public service in the East New York community and has served in various capacities. Claudette volunteers her service as the financial secretary to the Van Siclen Block Association that she incorporated. Also, she initiated and organized several fundraisers to achieve the goals for the block association residents and homeowners. As the treasurer of East New York Concerned Citizens, Inc., Claudette has spearheaded and coordinated various social events, which benefited the residents and seniors of the East New York community. In addition,

she served as a committee member of the Beaux Arts Ball 2005 in memory of Ossie Davis.

Mr. Speaker, Claudette Elliot is a dedicated person who tirelessly serves our community and because of her devotion we bestow this honor upon her.

Mr. Speaker, please join our community in honoring Claudette Elliot for her dedication and outstanding service to our community.

HONORING TRINITY BAPTIST  
CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF  
ITS 100TH YEAR

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 16, 2006*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Trinity Baptist Church on the occasion of its 100th year.

Trinity Baptist Church has been a vital partner to the town of Wilmer, Alabama. The church was founded in 1906, and for a century, this congregation has been worshipping God and serving the people of south Alabama.

The congregation of Trinity Baptist Church has used its resources and opportunities to provide hope, comfort, instruction, and inspiration to so many in south Alabama.

It is my sincere hope that Trinity Baptist Church will continue to be such a source of inspiration, hope, and comfort to the people of Wilmer for another 100 years, and I rise today to salute this congregation and the many contributions they have made toward the spiritual enrichment of the community and the betterment of south Alabama.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE CITY OF  
CUDAHY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 16, 2006*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, It is an honor to rise today in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the City of Cudahy, a community that I am proud to serve as part of the Fourth Congressional District. Happy 100th Birthday, Cudahy!

Cudahy occupies a beautiful stretch of land that lies along the south shore of Lake Michigan. Settled on former Potawatomi tribal grounds, the City of Cudahy was incorporated in 1906, having emerged in the wake of Patrick Cudahy's decision to establish the Cudahy Brothers meatpacking plant there. Throughout the 20th century, the City of Cudahy contributed significantly to the development of the area's strong manufacturing economy, serving as home to a number of prominent local companies.

Cudahy's hallmark is its strong sense of community, a testament to the values and work ethic of the immigrant families who served as its backbone. Cudahy's slogan, Generations of Pride, conveys the sense of connection people feel to their hometown, and it is easy to see why. Early city planners ensured that generations of residents would have access to beautiful public parks, and preserved the shoreline for public use. From its