

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

SPEECH OF

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2006

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, the supplemental appropriations legislation passed by the House will spend nearly \$95 billion of taxpayer money yet will not help our veterans, will not secure peace in Iraq, and will not make our homeland safer and better for working families.

The Bush administration continues to underfund the health care services for veterans and sent our troops to war without a plan to secure the peace. When our servicemen and women return home they are returning to a system that cannot care for them or provide the benefits they so greatly sacrificed for and deserve. And the hurricane season began again on June 1 but this Nation is no closer to be prepared for a hurricane under this administration than it was the day before Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma struck land. This bill will not resolve these issues.

Instead of passing the biggest supplemental ever passed by Congress, Congress should take real steps to help protect our country and ensure our veterans and their families receive the care they need. We should pass the GI bill of rights for the 21st century to ensure affordable and accessible health care, education benefits and job training. We need to take seriously the impact of the war on veterans and their families and pass legislation I have introduced to ensure access to needed mental health counseling. We should develop a real plan to bring our troops home safely and secure the peace.

I strongly support our troops, our veterans and their families and will continue to fight to ensure they receive the well-deserved support of their country. I will continue to fight to improve the quality of life for working families. And I will continue to make sure America is a safer place.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. CLIFFORD YOUNG

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Clifford Young, a distinguished member of the medical community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Dr. Clifford Young is affectionately known by members of the Brooklyn, New York community as "The People's Doctor." Dr. Young is a man who overcame tremendous challenges to practice medicine, and then did his best to help people once he got his degree.

Dr. Young was born on the multiple island nation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines lo-

cated in the eastern Caribbean. Upon graduation from secondary school, he received a PAHO/WHO scholarship to the Barbados Community College where he studied laboratory technology. After a short tenure at the lab of the Kingstown General Hospital, he migrated to the U.S. to continue his studies. In 1980, he enrolled at Hunter College of the City University of New York and in 1984 he graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. In 1989, he received a doctor of medicine degree from the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center. After completing his residency, Dr. Young served as an attending physician at the Woodhull Medical Center in Brooklyn, a position he still holds today. Dr. Young is also an attending physician in the Department of Medicine at the Brookdale University Hospital, and is the medical director of Citi Medical of Carnasie in Brooklyn. But Dr. Young doesn't stop there. He is also a clinical assistant professor with the Department of Medicine at Downstate Medical School, SUNY; a Diplomat of the Medical Board of Medical Examiners, a Diplomat of the American Board of International Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. In recognition of his outstanding charitable work and contributions, Dr. Young also received the Family Service Network of New York 2005 Community Health Award and the Thomas R. Fortune Professional Health Care Award in 2006.

Dr. Young is happily married to the former Hilma Foster; they have two daughters, Nyasha and Chantay, and one son, Clifford Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Clifford Young, a man who has made giant strides in the field of medicine, and whose service makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

EXPANDING DEMOCRACY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2006

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an upcoming event that should be of interest to my colleagues. The Democratic Pacific Union was founded in August 2005 and its Pacific Congressional Caucus (Taiwan Chapter) was inaugurated on May 20, 2006. Chaired by Taiwan Vice President Lu Hsiu-lien, the Taiwan Chapter has been very active in promoting democracy, peace and prosperity through the publication of the Democratic Pacific Union Quarterly, the scheduling of regional meetings in the East and the West Pacific regions, the initiation of the Pacific Economic Advisory Group and the Pacific Congressional Caucus project.

I commend Chair Lu Hsiu-lien of the Democratic Pacific Union for her hard work and applaud the Taiwan Chapter for all its initiatives on behalf of the Democratic Pacific Union in their pursuit of a stronger democratic process.

The Taiwan Chapter will also sponsor a symposium on congressional reform this summer in Taipei from August 12–14. The symposium will discuss the relationships between legislature and democracy, the electoral process, rules and campaign finance. As the

world's strongest democracy, the United States can contribute greatly to this event. I urge my colleagues to attend this symposium and share their knowledge and expertise with fellow lawmakers from the Pacific region.

TRIBUTE TO THEODORE FLOYD: RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER AND DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a dear friend, Detective Theodore Floyd of the Indian River Sheriff's Department.

As a former Florida Highway Patrolman myself, I have proudly worn the titles "law enforcement officer" and "first responder." But Theodore Floyd is more than that, because he is truly a peace officer who takes a broader view of his responsibilities.

On Saturday, June 17, 2006, at St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church in Vero Beach, Florida, a service of appreciation will be held for Mr. Floyd, who has had a distinguished 15-year career in law enforcement with the Indian River Sheriff's Department.

Detective Floyd recently implemented crime prevention strategies in communities throughout Indian River County. He has built strong relationships with community leaders and elected officials that have increased the security and safety of Indian River County residents. He has aided in rallying county government to improve living conditions for the County's less fortunate.

Detective Floyd has previously been honored by many organizations over his long career. He has been recognized by the Daytona Beach and Volusia police departments, and has been named Pastoral Law Enforcement Man of the Year.

Mr. Floyd is an active member of many community-based organizations, including the Progressive Civic League, the local NAACP, Habitat for Humanity, the Treasure Coast Business League, and the Gifford Activity Center, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the Pastor's Association, Indian River County Sheriff Roy Raymond, Indian River County Commissioner Gary Wheeler and Vero Beach City Commissioner Bob Solari in honoring Detective Floyd for his incredible dedication and service, both on-duty and off.

As a dear friend of Teddy's, I take pride in his distinguished career. As a public servant myself, I admire what he has been able to achieve.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL DAY

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2006

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to Michael J. Day, who tragically died in the line of duty earlier this week. Mr. Day, the Deputy Assistant Fire Chief and 27-year veteran of the Providence Fire Department, was dedicated to his profession and to serving his community.