

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and humility that I rise today to commemorate the lives of the thousands of victims and heroes of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of those whose lives were needlessly cut short on that day. In addition, I rise to pay tribute to those who have died at the hands of the same threat which brought the September 11th attacks. From 1983, with the bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon killing 241 American service members, to the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, killing six, Islamic fascists have continued with attacks against the United States at the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia, our embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, and the USS *Cole* in Yemen. I mention these events because it is essential for Americans to remember that the threat responsible for perpetuating these attacks is the same unending threat against which we are fighting today in the Global War on Terror. This enemy is methodical, patient, determined, and bound by one unifying purpose: the complete annihilation of all who do not subscribe to their warped vision of Islam by pursuing a murderous ideology.

While some setbacks have occurred in our efforts, we have made tremendous progress in confronting this threat, head-on. We must acknowledge the steadfast resolution of the Administration and the commitment and diligence of those in our intelligence community. Over the past 5 years, the Republican-led Congress has spent over \$150 billion on homeland security. Congressional action on a variety of policies has provided those in our intelligence community with the critical tools needed to prevent future terrorist attacks on our homeland. Today, our service men and women are engaging the enemy abroad so the terrorists will not bring their violence to America. Because of the exemplary service of those in our military, the terrorists can no longer establish safe havens in areas of the Middle East where they once roamed freely.

Our message to the families and friends of those who fell on September 11th, is that America remains united in ensuring your sacrifices and those of your loved ones were not made in vain. America will always cherish the memories of these heroes and will remain committed to defending the principles for which this Nation stands, including principles as fundamental as individual liberty, justice, and the rule of law.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Ohio (HCCO), as they celebrate 25 years of promotion and support of the economic growth and development for Hispanic business owners.

The HCCO was formed in 1981 to address the glaring absence of Hispanic-owned businesses in American society. Concerned, motivated and determined, a small group of Hispanic business owners united forces to incorporate the HCCO as a recognized non-profit in 1983. The membership and scope of services of the HCCO has grown, yet the mission has remained the same—to focus on providing assistance, services and support to local Hispanic business owners.

Over the past quarter century, HCCO has vastly evolved from its diminutive beginnings to a viable coalition of business owners that represent the interests and memberships of more than 7,500 Hispanic-owned businesses in the State of Ohio. The HCCO provides a wide range of support services, including: the sponsorship of seminars, workshops and networking luncheons and dinners; technical assistance and support; discounts on medical and dental benefits; and a wide range of support services for individuals interested in starting their own business.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Ohio, as they celebrate 25 years of service and promotion of economic justice for Americans of Hispanic heritage. As they work together to create avenues of business opportunity for Hispanic Americans, the pathways to economic security and stability for every American is elevated from a vision, to reality.

IN HONOR OF LUIS ALEJO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Luis Alejo on being awarded the 2005 Democrat of the Year for Santa Cruz County, given by the Democratic Central Committee, DCC, of Santa Cruz. Luis is an amazing young man with many attributes that make him a perfect candidate for this special award. He is a passionate, zealous, and intelligent person with a drive to educate and assist those who need it the most.

Luis' academic achievements help him work to better the community and residents of

Santa Cruz County. Luis, a native of Watsonville, California, received dual B.A. degrees from UC Berkeley in 1997 and his Juris Doctorate (JD) from UC Davis School of Law in 2001. He received his master's degree in education from Harvard University in 2003. His academic accomplishments led him back home, where he has been an active member of the community.

After graduating from Harvard, Luis came back to Watsonville where he became a staff attorney for California Rural Legal Assistance, CRLA. While working at the CRLA, Luis worked on education, housing, public benefits and civil rights cases on behalf of low-income families and residents. Luis has always been a champion for empowering those who feel their rights have been violated. Luis has also worked to educate people on the rights given to them as laid out in the Constitution.

Luis brought his passion into the classroom as a high school teacher in Watsonville. As a former teacher he continues to inspire Watsonville youth as the director of the Student Empowerment Project. Luis later became a member of the California advisor committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, of which he was nominated by a former California Supreme Court Justice, Cruz Reynoso. As a civil rights activist, he has been the point person for distributing valuable information to Watsonville residents about the process and requirements to become naturalized citizens.

As a member of the DCC, Luis has worked tirelessly to modify by-laws and endorsement policies and procedures within the organization. He is currently in charge of the endorsement program for all the political races for 2006 in Santa Cruz County. As the Watsonville representative of the DCC, Luis has effectively organized Watsonville residents in order to unite them on Democratic causes through the creation of the Pajaro Valley Cesar Chavez Democratic Club.

Luis is currently the chair of the Pajaro Valley Cesar Chavez Democratic Club. The Pajaro Valley community points to Luis as the key person who has brought inspiration and resources to Watsonville. He also spearheaded a registration drive targeting voters in order to educate them on how to get their voices heard.

Mr. Speaker, for all of these reasons, it is with great pleasure that I acknowledge Luis Alejo. He has proven himself to be a person who works for the people of the community, and his hard work has changed Santa Cruz County for the better. He continues to educate people, and for that I acknowledge him today.

DR. G.S. AULAKH WINS INTERNATIONAL PEACE PRIZE AWARD

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, the President of the Council of

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