

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MR. J.C. "PEPE"
TREVIÑO

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2007

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. J.C. "Pepe" Treviño for his induction as the 2007 Laredoan of the Year by the Laredo Morning Times newspaper. The award demonstrates his incredible dedication to the City of Laredo, Texas.

Mr. Treviño was born on May 31st, 1930, as one of the three children of Jose C. Treviño and Victoria Salinas Treviño. He graduated from Martin High School and then attended Laredo Junior College. At just 17 years of age, he married his sweetheart, the late Rose Ella Tarvar, and had six children: J.C. III, Diana, Roberto, Anna Laura, Guillermo, and Carlos. Mr. Treviño worked hard to build a financial empire from scratch that encompasses drayage and long-haul trucking; beer and soda distribution; maquila, warehouse and residential development; and commercial waste disposal.

Mr. Treviño is truly the self-made man. He rose far above his humble beginnings yet never forgot where he came from. Those groups that benefited from his charity include the Sacred Heart Children's Home, the Laredo Boys and Girls Club, and the Laredo Community College. He served for nearly 31 years on the Laredo Community College Board. For his dedication and hard work in making the Laredo business community stronger as well as his passion for philanthropy, he will be honored by the Laredo Morning Times Newspaper as the 2007 Laredoan of the Year.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the hard work and dedication of Mr. J.C. "Pepe" Treviño.

HONORING BISHOP EDWARD SMITH

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2007

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of Bishop Edward Smith on his 20th anniversary as Presiding Bishop of the Progressive Churches and as pastor of the Progressive Church in Columbia, South Carolina.

On April 15, 2007, Bishop Smith was honored by his home church, the Progressive Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc., in Columbia. The following is a summary of the tribute that appeared in the church program:

The year 2007 is a milestone in the life of Bishop Edward Smith. This year marks his 20th anniversary as pastor of the Progressive Church in Columbia, S.C., and his 50th anniversary as pastor of the Progressive Church in Denmark, S.C. During this week, we pause to honor a dedicated man of God for his

many years of ministry and service, and for his commitment to winning souls for the kingdom of God.

Bishop Edward Smith was born and raised in Birmingham, AL. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to Fort Jackson Army Base in Columbia.

Having been raised from a child to attend church, Bishop Smith began attending different churches in Columbia. One day he met Sister Edna M. Friday, niece of the late Bishop J.D. Williams. She invited him to attend services at the Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, where she was a member. After visiting the church for several months, he was baptized.

On August 6, 1952, young Brother Edward Smith was married to Sister Edna M. Friday. They were blessed with three children: Elder William E. (Sheneice) Smith, David N. (Carolyn) Smith, and Joyce D. (Lewis) Grimes. Bishop and Sister Smith also have three grandchildren: David N. Smith II, Brandon E.B. Smith, and Adrienne M. Smith.

Soon thereafter, Brother Smith had to make a decision between continuing his military career as a soldier in the U.S. Army or coming back to South Carolina and the Progressive Church. He made the choice to stay in South Carolina because of the Progressive Church.

In the years since, Bishop Williams has faithfully served the Progressive Church at the local and national level.

Bishop Smith's greatest desire is to see souls saved and delivered from sin. Known as a "no-nonsense man," he often states that he does not preach to excite people's emotions, but rather that God has called him to "provoke thought and bring conviction." In a time when many pastors are compromising God's Word, we are thankful to God for giving us a Pastor and Bishop who has the people of God at heart.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, in many ways the history of America is the history of American immigrants, the people who came here from somewhere else to make a better life for themselves and their families. In so doing, they each have made America stronger as a Nation and culturally richer as a people.

That's why it gives me great pleasure to recognize the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and, in so doing, recognize the approximately 80,000 Asian Pacific Americans who live in the 7th Congressional District in Washington State, the district I proudly represent. We are home to Asian Indian, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Vietnamese, Pacific Islanders, Samoan, Tongan and representatives of other Asian American cultures as well. Their contributions to Seattle, the sur-

rounding communities, and to America deserve to be celebrated, not just merely recognized.

Throughout the year, I am honored to join constituents at commemorative events like the International District Street Fair, Bon Odori and Tet in Seattle. These and other truly unique cultural celebrations enrich our communities and our personal lives. For instance, every chance I get, I now enjoy Sumi-e painting, a Japanese art form, where ink is used to depict a subject in the fewest number of strokes. When someone of Irish decent like me can assimilate an Asian art form, it is a reminder that America's great strength is America's great diversity.

Asian Americans immigrated to the United States in the late 19th century, but many faced prejudice, racial injustice and discrimination. They responded with quiet, dignified resolve and made America stronger by their commitment to equality for all. Trying to mention all the significant achievements and role models from the Asian American community would fill a very large roomful of books, but I am proud to mention some in the 7th Congressional District.

In Seattle, the United States Courthouse is named for William Kenzo Nakamura, a Japanese American who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his courage in World War II, an honor especially poignant because William and his family were forcibly relocated to a federal internment camp at the beginning of the war. The courthouse is a perfect symbol and memorial to an American who sacrificed his life so that others might be free. Elsewhere in Seattle, the Wing Luke Asian Museum, Seattle Asian Art Museum, Filipino American National Historical Society, and Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project, strengthen America by preserving the heritage of Asian Americans.

Today, Seattle is truly a global city, with a culturally diverse population that underscores our deep involvement in global issues and trade. Over one quarter of the jobs across Washington State are directly tied to international trade. In fact, trade is growing and we are succeeding because of the relationships we have built with the help of the Asian American community.

It is my hope that recognizing May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month reminds us of the role immigrants have played in shaping the history of our Nation. Ahead, we must examine the issue of immigration, and I believe we can and should be guided by reflecting on the contributions that immigrants have made and continue to make.

As we look ahead, let us honor and remember our past, and remember that we are all immigrants and when we pause to honor Asian Pacific Americans, we honor all Americans.

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