

IN HONOR OF MR. JOSE SANTOS
AS THE 2006 RECIPIENT OF THE
ESTEEMED FULBRIGHT AWARD

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 14, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to Mr. Jose Santos, an outstanding individual from Dallas and recent recipient of the Fulbright award. Mr. Santos was chosen to receive the prestigious award to study, lecture or conduct research abroad during the 2006–2007 academic year after demonstrating high academic achievement studying Anthropology at Southern Methodist University.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, the Fulbright Award is America's leading international exchange program. Congress established the Fulbright Program in 1946 with the intention of fostering mutual understanding between United States citizens and the rest of the world. The Fulbright Program has since provided avenues of academic exchange with over a quarter of a million people in more than 150 countries worldwide. Surely the recipient of such an esteemed award does not lack merit.

Mr. Santos was chosen for his high academic and professional achievement, as well as his exemplary leadership in his field. Mr. Santos' accomplishments thus far have been truly impressive and for that I wish to recognize him here on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Santos as the recipient of the Fulbright award, and I know I speak for all of Dallas when I say that we are very proud of his successes. I wish Mr. Santos the very best in all of his endeavors both at home and abroad.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCY WORKERS WHO HELPED ELIZABETH FORWARD HIGH SCHOOL ON MAY 3, 2007

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, in times of crisis, all too often those who risk their own safety and go beyond the call of duty remain unknown and unrecognized. Today I want to recognize those who have helped in a moment of need. On May 3, 2007, tragedy befell Elizabeth Forward High School and in their moment of need, their guardian angels responded in the form of emergency rescue workers from the police and five different hospitals.

On what was supposed to be an exciting and memorable trip, 29 students, seven parents and four staff members from the school were traveling on the Pennsylvania Turnpike about 30 miles outside Philadelphia on their way to a band competition in Wildwood, NJ. At around 4:30 on a peaceful morning, as most of the students slept in their seats, a slow

moving tractor trailer moved into the way of the bus.

The bus could not stop nor move out of the way in time and the two collided. The accident awoke the students to the sight and sound of a nightmare as the truck and bus stuck together and skidded out of control for over 400 feet before finally coming to a stop.

Emergency rescue workers raced to the scene to find the two vehicles had become stuck together in one giant jigsaw puzzle of twisted steel, a site that closed the turnpike until the situation could be fully assessed. By the grace of God, none of the students were critically injured; however, all needed thorough examination to treat wounds and help those needing medical treatment. The students, parents, and staff members were sent to 5 hospitals in the area.

An unexpected tragedy occurring in an unfamiliar area far away from home is a nightmare, and for Elizabeth Forward High School, this nightmare became reality. But their guardian angels went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure their safety, treat the injured, and communicate to the families the situation each of their children faced while assuring their safety.

I would like to extend my most heartfelt thanks and praise to all of those involved in the protection of our students. I would like the Congressional Record to reflect that the emergency workers in these organizations are truly heroes deserving of our most sincere appreciation: The Pennsylvania State Police, Brandywine Hospital, Chester County Hospital, Paoli Hospital, Reading Hospital and Medical Center, St. Joseph Medical Center, TA Nelson Bus Line.

ON THE EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SERVICE OF FRANK LEONE

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 14, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Frank Leone on the occasion of his 80th birthday for his extraordinary public service.

Frank Leone's service to his country, his community, and his neighbors dates back to World War II when he was drafted into the U.S. Navy. He served as a flight deck crewman on the aircraft carrier USS *Kearsarge*, a ship his father had helped to build during the war. He remains an active member of the Oakland American Legion and Franklin Lakes VFW.

In 1954, Frank Leone moved to Oakland and became an active part of that Bergen County community. He ran for mayor in 1960 and was elected to the Borough Council in 1963. He served as the president of the Chamber of Commerce for 12 years. Frank Leone also served as Civil Defense Director and Emergency Management Coordinator. His long record of extraordinary service to his community was honored in 2001 as the Grand Marshal of Oakland's Memorial Day Parade.

In 1965, President Lyndon Baines Johnson appointed Frank Leone as Oakland Postmaster. Today, he is the last active postmaster in the Nation appointed by the President of the United States. He has served in

various State and national offices of the National Association of Postmasters.

Frank Leone is a shining example of citizenship and dedication to your community. It is an honor to share in the celebration of his 80th birthday.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF A NATIONAL SUFFRAGISTS DAY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 14, 2007

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 105, to honor women suffragists with a National Suffragists Day.

On July 19, 1848, at the Seneca Falls Convention, now famous suffragists, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton made one of the first public appeals for women's right to vote. This convention launched a more than 70 year fight for suffrage, which culminated with women gaining the right to vote in 1920 with the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Without the dedication, commitment, and hard work of women suffragist pioneers like Mott, Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, and Alice Paul, our country would not have the first female Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives or more women elected to Congress than ever before.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 105, to honor the women suffragists who changed this country. Their bravery continues to inspire young women today to take an active role in government and to use their voices to make a difference.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the goals and ideals of a National Suffragists Day.

HONORING THE CHILD ASSAULT PREVENTION (CAP) PROJECT OF SOUTH FLORIDA

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 14, 2007

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Project of South Florida, whose efforts on behalf of so many families in my Congressional district should be applauded. This program has partnered with local schools in Miami-Dade County, Florida, the fourth largest school district in the country, to address the growing number of social issues affecting our children.

Many social challenges facing students today are felt away from home, oftentimes in the classroom. By offering interactive workshops at local schools, students gain an understanding of how to deal with situations they have already faced or may soon encounter. These circumstances range from instances of bullying and peer aggression to cases of sexual harassment and abuse. Often times, these topics are not comfortable for students to deal with, making CAP's role vital for the social well-being of our children.

As a mother of two girls currently attending college, I understand how important these programs can be in making parents and loved ones feel more comfortable about their children's education. With enrollment at schools growing, classroom sizes have increased nationwide at our public schools. This has made it more difficult for teachers to enforce respectable and cordial behavior. Therefore, it is imperative that schools and teachers receive proper support from outside specialists like CAP.

CAP's range of expertise extends beyond the classroom. Counseling can be crucial for children in the unfortunate circumstance of neglect and abuse at home. In cases of sexual harassment and abuse, counseling at school is sometimes the only outlet for children. This makes CAP's role even greater in South Florida's schools.

Since 1984, CAP has provided abuse prevention strategies to over 270,000 children, families and teachers in Miami-Dade County. Abuse prevention workshops oftentimes provide children with the tools necessary to protect themselves from conflicts, either at school or at home. The Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Project of South Florida provides a great example of community organizations working together with schools to improve learning environments for our children.

Once again, I commend CAP for its efforts on behalf of so many in my community.

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HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 14, 2007

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker, today in Geneva, Switzerland the 60th annual meeting will commence of the World Health Assembly, the supreme decision making body of the World Health Organization. This year the government of Taiwan is applying for membership to the WHO and Taiwan has been applying to participate in the activities of the WHO since 1997 but they have been rejected due to various political pressures.

I think it's important that Taiwan be granted membership in the WHO. Taiwan is struggling to participate in the WHO not only for the sake of its 23 million citizens but also for the welfare of the 1.3 billion people in mainland China. With expansion of travel and trade between Taiwan and mainland China, contagious diseases can spread rapidly. Successful monitoring and prevention of infectious diseases requires cooperation from all nations.

Taiwan has a modern, world-class health care system and has lent its talents and resources to peoples in need throughout Asia and around the world. Such capabilities are particularly important in this era of globalization, and as apprehensions continue to grow about the emergence of dangerous illnesses such as SARS and the Avian Flu. For example, when the Avian Flu pandemic struck parts of Asia in 2004, Taiwan undertook a number of preventive measures to combat the outbreak and protect its population and those of other countries. As a result of this swift and innovative work, Taiwan has not experienced an outbreak of the avian influenza and has deterred its proliferation elsewhere.

The WHO plays a critical role in safeguarding and improving the health of the world population, and I support its admirable record of achievement as a guardian of international health. A glaring deficiency in the WHO's global program, however, is the fact that the 23 million people of democratic Taiwan are not allowed to contribute to, participate in, or benefit from its important initiatives.

I urge my colleagues to join me in my support of Taiwan's bid for membership in the World Health Organization. For the sake of Taiwan's citizens as well as their neighbors and partners in Asia and around the world, granting membership is the wise and equitable thing to do.

IN RECOGNITION OF SPECIALIST MATTHEW BOLAR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 14, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, Specialist Matthew Bolar, 24, of Montgomery, Alabama, died on May 3, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq. Specialist Bolar was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, and was stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Specialist Bolar graduated from Canterbury High School in 2002 at the top of his class and joined the Army in 2004. His friends and family remember him as a bright young man eager to serve his country.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and for the gratitude our country feels for his service. Specialist Bolar, like other brave men and women who have served in uniform, died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty. Indeed, like those who have served before him, he was a true American.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve our Nation.

HONORING STATE DELEGATE VINCENT F. CALLAHAN, JR.

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 14, 2007

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the House to the retirement of State Senator Vincent F. Callahan, Jr., who has represented Virginia's 34th District in the Virginia General Assembly for nearly 4 decades. I want to take this opportunity to salute Vince for his dedication to a lifetime of public service representing those in the McLean area of Fairfax County.

A native of Washington, D.C., and McLean resident since 1960, Vince holds a B.S. degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and by profession is an editor, publisher, and author. He served as a Marine in the Korean War from 1950-52 and later as a reserve officer in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Elected to the House of Delegates in 1967, Vince is the longest serving Republican in the

Virginia General Assembly and dean of the Northern Virginia Delegation. As chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Vince can point to a long list of legislative achievements in service to the Commonwealth of Virginia. He will be sorely missed. In honor of his work for higher education, Vince was awarded an Honorary Degree in the Humane Letters from the Northern Virginia Community College and the Lord Botetourt Award from the College of William and Mary. I have inserted for The RECORD a recent Sun Gazette article which details his unparalleled career.

Perhaps more important than the well deserved awards and recognitions Vince has accrued over the years is the way he conducts himself. He is a man of his convictions, and of the highest moral character, a true Virginia gentleman, family man, and loyal friend. Vince and his wife Yvonne have eight children and 19 grandchildren between them and I suspect that Vince is looking forward to spending more time with family as he retires. I ask that my colleagues in the House rise today and join with me in recognizing the outstanding public service career of Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.

AFTER 40 YEARS IN PUBLIC LIFE, DEL.

CALLAHAN TO RETIRE

(By Brian Trompeter)

Forty years is enough: Del. Vincent Callahan (R-34th), a McLean resident who is the second-longest serving member of the Virginia House of Delegates, announced March 5 that he would not seek reelection in November.

"You get to a certain stage in life where you've done what you want to do," he said. "It gets old after a while." Callahan, 75, entered politics early in life. After being defeated in a 1965 bid for lieutenant governor, he first was elected to the House of Delegates in 1967. He was one of only 14 Republicans in that body then, versus 86 Democrats. Unlike today, when legislators have offices and a professional staff to help them, delegates then operated out of hotel rooms or their desks in the House of Delegates during General Assembly sessions, he said. Callahan credited former House of Delegates Speaker John Warren Cooke (D-Mathews) for teaching him proper legislative decorum. "He was born in 1915 and his father was an officer in the Confederate Army" who was in his 70s when Cooke was born, Callahan said. "You talk about somebody from the old school. He was the epitome of a Virginia gentleman."

Republicans achieved parity in the House of Delegates in 1998 and Callahan was named co-chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. When Republicans became the majority in 2000, he became the committee's sole chairman. Callahan, who lost a bid for Congress in 1976, has seen Virginia's biennial budget grow from \$3 billion when he first joined the General Assembly to \$75 billion today. Gov. Kaine called Callahan on Monday to congratulate him on the latest budget, which passed unanimously.

Callahan said his key accomplishments in office include strongly supporting George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College and other higher-education institutions; securing \$500 million to help clean up the Chesapeake Bay; and bolstering mental-health services around the state. He's also "tilted at a few windmills," championing a higher minimum wage and a ban on smoking in public places. These bills have been defeated so far but likely will pass in the near future, he predicted. Virginia has tremendous colleges, enjoys a AAA bond rating and consistently is ranked one of the best-managed states in the nation, he said.