

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING MR. AND MRS. TORRY KIDD, SR. ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2007*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Torry Kidd, Sr., on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. Torry Kidd, Sr., and Lydia Stallworth were married on June 26, 1942, at Parsonages at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama.

Mr. Kidd is a respected member of his church and community. He has been a member of the Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church #2 for over 60 years, recently serving as trustee. In 1942, he began his service with the U.S. Army. Following an honorable discharge, he went to work for McGowin & Lyons Hardware and Supply Company, while earning his degree from Spaulding Business School. Mr. Kidd then went to work for Moore Handley and became the company's first African-American salesperson. When the company relocated, Mr. Kidd became the building manager for World Wide Crating and Packing Company. He retired in 1984 and started Kidd Janitorial Service.

A member of Andrew Street Church of Christ for over 60 years, Mrs. Kidd was born Lydia Stallworth in Gordonville, Alabama. A graduate of Lowndes County Training School, her first job was with a janitorial service. After raising 11 children, Mrs. Kidd returned to the work force and began caring for elderly patients at Cogburn Nursing Home and later at the Medic Center in Mobile. Her skills combined with her compassionate heart led to requests for her service as a private duty nurse, which she was for over 30 years.

Their 11 children: Torry, Jr., Winston, Sr., Anthony, Sr., Christina, Wayne, Sr., Donna, Arnold, Sr., Amos, Beverly, Mark, Sr., and Phillip, Sr. would like me to pass on a special word of appreciation to their parents for the example they have set, the encouragement they have given; and yes, even the discipline they have administered. Mr. and Mrs. Kidd's family are grateful for the love they shared not only with them but with their many friends.

Madam Speaker, in these times where there is so much trouble and turmoil on the television set and all around us in our communities, it is refreshing to know a family that is committed to the values and outstanding morals that Mr. and Mrs. Torry Kidd, Sr., have encouraged in their marriage and family. I have no doubt that this marriage symbolizes the strength of character and love of God that every American should emulate. I know their 11 children, 25 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, and their many friends join with me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Kidd on their 65th anniversary and wishing for them many more happy celebrations to come.

MAJOR GENERAL JAMES H. PILLSBURY

### HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2007*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to MG James H. Pillsbury and his dynamic wife Becky Pillsbury. We hail from the same great State of Texas. These two wonderful public servants have committed their careers to serving our Nation.

This summer will mark the end of General Pillsbury's tenure as Commander of the Army's Aviation and Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, a command he assumed on December 1, 2003. Leaving Huntsville with him is his wife Becky, who has made a lasting impression in the Huntsville community as an area school teacher for the disabled and board member for a long list of organizations serving soldiers and their families.

General Pillsbury is a graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. After that, he attended Troy State University, earning a Masters of Science in International Relations. He has completed Infantry Officer Basic Course, Transportation Officer Advanced Course, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

For the past 34 years General Pillsbury has risen through the Army ranks, first commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in May of 1973. He has served here at home and abroad; his most recent position overseas was as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army. General Pillsbury has been decorated with numerous military honors including: the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Becky also attended Trinity where she graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and Education for the Hearing Impaired and then pursuing her love for children with disabilities by earning a Masters from Pacific Lutheran University in Elementary Education and Learning Disabilities.

She has set a high standard for military wives at Redstone Arsenal. She co-founded the "Dream Factory," a wish granting organization for seriously and terminally ill children; and more recently co-founded "Still Serving Veterans," which affects the lives of thousand of new veterans in offering a wide range of support services as they transition to the civilian workforce.

Even though this outstanding couple is leaving the Huntsville community, they will not hesitate to come back and visit.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating MG James H. Pillsbury and his wife Becky on a phenomenal job in Huntsville . . . and wishing them the best of luck with the next chapter in their lives.

IN HONOR OF MRS. WENDY HARDING

### HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2007*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mrs. Wendy Harding, the 2007 Muscogee County School District Teacher of the Year.

Almost every student that passes through a school, from the teacher's pet to the class clown, has a fond memory of a special teacher who positively influenced their lives. For many students at Columbus' Hardaway High School, that teacher has been a Spanish teacher named Wendy Harding.

Harding knows how to stick with a good thing once she's found it. She stayed happily married and raised two high-achieving children with her high school sweetheart Phil, who was also an educator, until his death from cancer 7 years ago. And Harding has spent every single day of her 31-year professional career at Hardaway High, making her the longest-serving teacher there.

Principal Matt Bell told the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer that Harding is an integral part of the school's success: "She's a leader in the school. She teaches everyone. She heads our mentor program. She cares about every student who comes through her doorway as well as students who don't. If a student doesn't learn in her class, she takes it personally. They all learn at a high level. They see her enthusiasm for her subject and her zest for life and it's just contagious."

Harding says she's wanted to become a teacher since she was 7 years old. Now, she mentors the next generation of teachers, encouraging her own students to pick up the torch that enlightens young minds. Those influenced by her example include her daughter, who last year was named First Year Teacher of the Year in a Texas school district. The skills needed to excel at the head of the classroom obviously run deep in the family blood.

I would like to personally thank Mrs. Harding for her many years of outstanding service to the young people of Muscogee County. Teachers such as her, across Georgia and the United States, make a positive difference every day.

On behalf of Georgia's 3rd Congressional District, I congratulate the Muscogee County Teacher of the Year and wish her many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DR. PETER B. AJLUNI

### HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2007*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Peter B. Ajluni of

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