

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DANA BENNETT

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Dana Bennett and congratulate her on her most recent work in authoring *A Century of Enthusiasm: Midas, Nevada 1907–2007*.

Dana Bennett is currently a PhD student of public history at Arizona State University and a Policy Analyst for the Morrison Institute at ASU. Although Dana attends school in Arizona, she remains highly connected to the state of Nevada. She recently authored, *A Century of Enthusiasm: Midas, Nevada 1907–2007* which is a follow up to her earlier book *Forward with Enthusiasm: Midas 1907–1995*. Dana Bennett is a former principal research analyst with the Nevada Legislature, a former professor in the College of Education at the University of Nevada, Reno, and has served on the Advisory Council for the National Education for Women (NEW) Leadership Nevada at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Among her list of professional accomplishments, Dana also discovered a mistake with the Nevada State Flag that stood uncorrected in Nevada for over 60 years. In 1926, Nevada Lieutenant Governor Maurice Sullivan determined that the reason for low circulation of the Nevada State flag was due to the high production cost. The flag design was changed and circulated yet never adopted by the Nevada Legislature. In 1989, Dana Bennett uncovered this mistake, which was confirmed by State Archives and Records Administrator Guy Rocha. In 1991, the 66th session of the Nevada Legislature finally corrected this mistake.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Dana Bennett. Her dedication to recording Nevada history is commendable and I wish her every continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE NATION-STATE OF TAIWAN WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, next year the 23 million people of Taiwan will head to the polls to vote on a referendum asking if the island should attempt to join the United Nations under the name “Taiwan.” The referendum is an opportunity for the people of Taiwan to make their collective voice heard around the world—and the world would be wise to listen.

At first blush, one would think that Taiwan’s efforts to engage the international community would be welcomed and applauded by most

everyone. After all, Taiwan is a stable, thriving multi-party democracy, with free and fair elections held at all levels of government. Having made a peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy over the last twenty years, Taiwan has demonstrated a deep commitment to liberty and human rights—earning the highest possible rating in the categories of “political rights” and “civil rights” from Freedom House last year. The island is a global hub for technological innovation, and boasts the 20th largest economy in the world.

Indeed, Americans who heard President Bush proclaim in his second inaugural address, “When you stand for your liberty, we will stand with you,” might assume that United States stands firmly behind the Taiwanese bid to join the UN, and that the Bush administration support for Taipei’s endeavor is a foregone conclusion.

But they would be wrong.

This is because the United States—like many UN member states—maintains a so-called “One China” policy. Pursuant to this irrational and outdated policy, most countries (including the United States) agree to give a wink and a nod to Beijing’s claims that Taiwan is simply a province of the communist nation, and then acquiesce when China demands Taiwan’s exclusion from international bodies like the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

Perhaps President Bush should have added a caveat to his famous proclamation: “Offer not available in Taiwan.”

Beijing argues that Taiwan’s 23 million people are ‘represented’ by the unelected government of the People’s Republic of China in international bodies—an argument that UN and WHO bureaucrats are quick to parrot. But the Beijing government routinely threatens to attack Taiwan and has deployed upwards of 1,000 missiles on its southeastern coast aimed directly at the island. So while it might be politically expedient for China to claim that they represent Taiwan, no fair-minded person (or government) could honestly be expected to believe this.

Of course, most countries realize this. While Taiwan’s government enjoys formal diplomatic ties with only around thirty nations (mostly small and impoverished nations in Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa), they maintain more than 100 quasi-embassies or “Trade Offices” in nearly every country in the world. And most of these countries (including the United States) maintain a reciprocal mission in Taiwan’s Capital City, Taipei. Why? The reason is obvious: Because they all realize that the totalitarian government of China doesn’t really speak for the people of democratic Taiwan.

The fact of the matter is that Taiwan controls its own territory, dictates its own foreign policy, maintains its own armed forces, and most importantly—elects its own leaders. It has a larger population than Australia, and boasts one of the most dynamic economies in the world. Taiwan is more than qualified for membership, and eager to make a meaningful contribution.

President Bush should live up to the promise he made in his inaugural speech and support Taiwan’s bid to join the UN. Taiwan is by all measures a sovereign and independent nation—and I hope that United States and the other free nations of the world will finally muster the courage stand up and say so.

Thank you Madam Speaker.

A TRIBUTE TO NINTH TABERNACLE’S 100 YEARS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ninth Tabernacle Church on its 100th anniversary. The Ninth Tabernacle was established September 1, 1907 in Jamaica, New York by Prophet Williams S. Crowdy. During that time, members met at the home of Deacon Henry and St. Rachel Blount. Deacon Henry Blount presided over the services in the Borough of Queens until the Tabernacle was officially established by Elder Richard Briggs. Elder Briggs became the first local Pastor of the Ninth Tabernacle during the years 1907 to 1927.

In 1927, the Ninth Tabernacle was led by Evangelist-at-Large Nathaniel B. Nelson who established it as an icon of community service and fellowship in the Borough of Brooklyn. Previous local pastors have included: Elder James Nelson; Elder Judah N. Roberts; Evangelist Moses Farrar; and Rabbi Jesse E. Brown, Jr. The current Pastor, Evangelist Joseph R. Turner is also the Executive Leader of the international religious organization Temple Beth-el.

Since 1907, the congregation of the Ninth Tabernacle has worshiped at various locations throughout the Borough of Brooklyn. One of the most memorable locations was 590 Gates Avenue which the congregants of the Ninth Tabernacle were forced to leave due to construction of new housing. In 1974, the Ninth Tabernacle Trustees purchased a former synagogue at 85 Fountain Avenue where members began a 30-year tenure of spiritual revitalization and growth.

The Ninth Tabernacle has been a beacon of community service in the Bedford-Stuyvesant and East New York areas. They have established food and clothing donation programs; emergency services for the neighborhoods; and the Fountain Avenue Community Development Corporation, which is a non-profit social service agency that provides parental effectiveness training, computer literacy training, and workforce development initiatives to Brooklyn residents. The Ninth Tabernacle also provided emergency counseling services immediately after the events of September 11,

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2001 and continues to work with homeless shelters and substance abuse programs in New York.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the Ninth Tabernacle's 100 years of service and their selfless contributions to the residents of Brooklyn.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Ninth Tabernacle on its 100th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF HENES PARK

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the dedication of an important landmark in my hometown of Menominee, Michigan. Henes Park serves today as an important place of respite for the citizens of Menominee and an anchor of the community where local residents can enjoy the outdoors.

In 1906, local Menominee businessman John Henes paid \$1,000 for a 43-acre wooded peninsula called Poplar Point at the north end of the city's bay shore. Mr. Henes, a German immigrant and local entrepreneur, kept his plans for a public park secret for another year until he officially offered the area to the city council for use as a park and beach.

During the early 20th century, most of Menominee's shoreline was occupied by docks, lumber piles, warehouses and homes. As such, local Menominee officials were enthused by the idea of a park along the shore.

Landscape architect Ossian Cole Simonds of Chicago was hired by the newly appointed park commission to design the park. At the time, Simonds was considered a pioneer of "natural landscaping" and his design of the park employed viewpoints, paths, and buildings to frame and highlight the natural environment. There are many walkways throughout the park, some still in use and others now overgrown. The original park design placed great emphasis on providing nature trails. Simonds' design laid out eight nature trails that were named after great names from literature like Longfellow, Byron, Shakespeare and Homer. Those eight trails still exist today.

During the summer of 1907, construction on the park began as workers started building roads and cleared rocks from the beach to provide a picnic site. One of the unique elements of the park's original design was a "bog park," a piece of low ground that was selected to hold a variety of water flowers.

After a busy summer of work on the park, formal dedication ceremonies were conducted in October of 2007. The Mayor of Menominee, Charles Spies, in accepting the park for the community, commented on how local entrepreneurs contributed to the park's construction, saying, "It is very gratifying to have among us men, who by beneficent and material acts, show that the welfare, a prosperity and beautifying of our city is one of their chief desires and in which they find their great pleasure and satisfaction."

U.S. Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan was the featured speaker at the event. He described the space as, "A park that will for-

ever be the property of every man, every woman and principally every child in this city and one where beauty, recreation and rest will be synonymous. . . ."

The Menominee community immediately embraced Henes Park, extending the city's local street car line to the park. Family outings at Henes Park became commonplace among residents of Menominee. Local organizations used the park to hold various special events. Residents of Marinette, Wisconsin, Menominee's sister-city just across the river, also took advantage of Henes Park.

The community's appreciation and love of Henes Park only grew stronger through the years. In 1932, 9 years after Mr. Henes' passing, a monument was dedicated at the park commemorating the 25th anniversary of Mr. Henes donating the park to the city.

Today's Henes Park offers a swimming beach with lifeguards, a playground, picnic spots, and fine views across the bay to Door County. Behind one of the park's pavilions is a pond with lily pads, fish, and frogs. While the park has evolved since its design 100 years ago, the overall aesthetics of the original plan remain, allowing citizens to enjoy the outdoors and local environment without disturbing the natural layout of the area.

Madam Speaker, as a resident of Menominee, I am personally very fond of Henes Park. My wife, Laurie, and I regularly take long walks there and the park is home to some of our fondest memories.

Henes Park provides an anchor for the local community, a place for children and young people to play and an opportunity for local citizens of all ages to convene with nature. Perhaps most importantly, 100 years since its founding, the park remains as Senator Smith described it, the property of every man, woman and child of Menominee and a place where beauty, rest and recreation meet.

On Sunday, September 9, 2007, the citizens of Menominee will come together to show their appreciation for Henes Park and to pay tribute to John Henes for his contribution 100 years ago. On this tremendous occasion, I would ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring this park and all those who helped to design it, build it and maintain it for future generations.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON THE DEATH OF THE
HONORABLE PAUL E. GILLMOR,
A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
STATE OF OHIO

SPEECH OF

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late PAUL GILLMOR. PAUL was a gentle, compassionate man who will be missed by all of us in Congress, as well as by those in his district. Our hearts go out to Karen and his children during this difficult time.

I'm an Ohio native and before redistricting, PAUL represented my family members in Ohio.

His wife Karen served on the Heidelberg College Board of Trustees with me, and I

know all the Heidelberg family also mourns his passing. He was an ardent supporter of the college.

Please keep his family in your prayers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Ms. CARSON. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, August 4, 2007, I was unable to vote on roll No. 824, 825, 826 and 833. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on roll No. 825, 826 and 833. I would have voted "no" on roll No. 824.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CLARK COUNTY
COMMISSIONER BRUCE
WOODBURY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Bruce Woodbury.

Bruce Woodbury, a native of Las Vegas, graduated from Las Vegas High School and attended the University of Utah, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. He then attended Stanford School of Law, where he earned his J.D. and was a member of the Board of Editors of the Stanford Law Review. Bruce was appointed in 1981 to Clark County Commission District A, and was subsequently elected to his first full term the following year. He has been re-elected every four years since, and has served as the commission chairman twice.

Bruce is being honored as the 2007 Education Hero Award Recipient from the Public Education Foundation of Clark County for his dedicated work for our community. As a Clark County Commissioner, Bruce serves on the Las Vegas Valley Water District Board of Directors, the University Medical Center Board of Trustees, the Clark County Liquor and Gaming Licensing Board, the Clark County Water Reclamation District, the Henderson Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Las Vegas Springs Preserve, and the Las Vegas Centennial Celebration Executive Committee. In addition to his public service, Bruce currently serves as the Chairman of the Regional Transportation Commission, Chairman of the Big Bend Water District Board of Trustees, Vice Chairman of the Kyle Canyon Water District, and is a member of the Regional Flood Control District.

Bruce is a distinguished public servant who has tirelessly served our community. His efforts have helped make Clark County a better place to live. Bruce has been recognized by many as a pillar of the community and received numerous accolades for his leadership in the community. He truly represents everything that is good about public service.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Commissioner Bruce Woodbury. I would like to personally thank him for his dedicated service to our community, as well as his continued friendship and support. I certainly wish him the