

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH RYAN TAGGART FOR COACHING THE GARAWAY GOLF TEAM TO WINNING THE DIVISION III STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Coach Ryan Taggart showed hard work and dedication to the sport of golf; and

Whereas, Mike Taggart was a leader and mentor for the Garaway Golf Team; and

Whereas, Coach Taggart has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the greens; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Ryan Taggart for leading the Garaway Golf Team to winning the Division III State Golf Tournament. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2007 golf season.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF KBT
CHANNEL 4—BEAUMONT, TEXAS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to honor KBT Channel 4 in Beaumont, TX on their 50th year of service to the Southeast Texas Community.

Community involvement is a tradition at KBT 4. Whether it is emceeding a local fundraiser or volunteering on boards and committees, KBT employees are an active part in the community in which they live and serve. They also host the Golden Apple Awards, which honors local teachers for their role in educating and developing the minds of Southeast Texas children.

The importance of passionately and accurately reporting on issues that affect our community cannot be overstated. Over the past 50 years NBC's KBT has earned the reputation of a hard-working diligent news team. A reputation such as this only arises through hard work and commitment to the community that you serve. Hurricanes and floods have not been able to stop KBT 4 from informing the public when it matters most. The Second Congressional District of Texas is extremely fortunate to have a first-class news station such as KBT 4.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and to celebrate over 110 years of faithful service to Cleveland and Saint Colman Church.

Since the Sisters of Saint Joseph arrived in Cleveland in 1886, they have been tireless ministers to our most vulnerable neighbors. The Sisters founded the East and West Side Catholic Shelters, the West Side Catholic Center, Transitional Housing, and Seeds of Literacy, among others, in order to serve the poor and marginalized, as well as empower people to overcome obstacles.

As stewards of the health and well-being of the whole person, they founded Saint Joseph's Academy to educate Cleveland's young women, as well as River's Edge to nurture our spiritual health.

The Sisters remain committed to peace and justice issues in the community and throughout the world, conducting educational workshops and hosting trips to promote peaceful resolution to conflict, improve ecumenical dialogue, and combat violence and oppression.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Sisters of Saint Joseph for over 110 years of service to Cleveland and the pursuit of peace. As we celebrate the feast of Saint Colman of Cloyne, may we all aspire to the dedication and generosity of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

RECOGNIZING 200 YEARS OF RESEARCH SERVICE, AND STEWARDSHIP BY NOAA AND ITS PREDECESSOR AGENCIES

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 147, which recognizes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) 200th anniversary. When President Thomas Jefferson originally established the first Federal science agency, Survey of the Coast, in 1807, its mandate was to create charts for safe navigation. Over the years, bureaus related to the regulation and protection of our fisheries, the study of weather and climate change, and many other important responsibilities were added. Today, this agency, now known as NOAA, has a global reach and a broad range of programs that touch all our lives.

From promoting waterborne commerce and fisheries to predicting weather and global cli-

mate change, NOAA's role is crucial to our Nation. I'm particularly proud of the National Marine Sanctuaries, which were created under NOAA's jurisdiction in 1972. In Northern California, we are privileged to have three such sanctuaries, the Monterey National Marine Sanctuary, the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary. With our oceans and marine life increasingly threatened, these sanctuaries play an invaluable role in enhancement and protection.

The importance of the sanctuaries was recently highlighted when an oil spill polluted the precious waters of the San Francisco Bay with 58,000 gallons of oil. NOAA and marine sanctuary staff stepped in and provided key assistance in the clean-up and oil containment efforts. We were lucky to have them there. It's events like this that really highlight some of the important work done by NOAA and the marine sanctuaries.

This resolution is the product of the Resource Committee's leadership and I appreciate their introducing this resolution to honor NOAA's important work over the last 200 years. I hope that over the next 200 years, we are able to provide NOAA and the marine sanctuaries with the necessary resources and assistance to continue and expand upon the key work that it does.

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HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to express concern about the lack of progress that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has made on the issue of hurricane tracking and prediction.

Yesterday, the House passed a resolution honoring the 200th anniversary of NOAA, celebrating NOAA's many accomplishments. I voted for this resolution because the work of the men and women of NOAA has been and continues to be critical to keeping my constituents and the rest of our country safe from the threats of the hurricane season.

However, I continue to be uncomfortable with the management of NOAA's decision to spend \$4 million for a public relations campaign about its anniversary celebration. To spend \$4 million dollars at a time when resources should be applied to assessing and supporting one of the most critical weather tools in hurricane tracking and prediction, the Quick Scatterometer (QuikSCAT) satellite, is completely unacceptable.

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The detailed daily snapshots provided by QuikSCAT allow climatologists, meteorologists, and oceanographers to better understand global weather abnormalities and to improve weather forecasting. In one day, QuikSCAT collects data covering 90 percent of the Earth's surface. Without the data provided by QuikSCAT, hurricane forecasting would be 16 percent less accurate 72 hours before hurricane landfall and 10 percent less accurate 48 hours before landfall. This decrease in accuracy would lead to larger stretches of coastline under evacuation warnings and more local resources utilized.

That is why I helped author H.R. 2531, which authorizes \$375 million to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the design and launch of an improved QuikSCAT satellite. The new, next-generation satellite would maintain weather forecasting and warning capabilities and improve data capabilities for future weather-related disasters. The bill also requires that NOAA provide annual reports on the status of the satellite to ensure that Congress has sufficient time for authorizing and funding a replacement when necessary.

As a Member of Congress with over 70 miles of coastline in my district, I feel it is my responsibility to ask NOAA how we got to this point where a valuable satellite is on its last legs, and why our taxpayers are footing the bill for a PR campaign when hurricanes remain a daily threat to Florida and the entire region. I join in the celebration of NOAA's accomplishments for the last 200 years, but I urge them to be responsible with resources so that they can be effective for the next 200 years and beyond.

WILLIAM WILBERFORCE TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support for the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2007 (H.R. 3887). I am proud to be an original cosponsor of H.R. 3887, which will provide new tools to protect against modern slavery, both in the immigrant community and among American citizens.

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act was originally enacted in 2000 to combat trafficking in persons, ensure the prosecution of human traffickers, and protect the victims of trafficking. The 2007 Trafficking in Persons Report released by the U.S. State Department estimated that approximately 15,000 to 20,000 people were trafficked to the United States annually. Victims were trafficked for forced labor and debt bondage in areas such as agriculture, sweatshop manufacturing, and domestic service. This legislation would direct the U.S. State Department to establish an office to monitor and combat human trafficking. It would also authorize the President to support international efforts to combat trafficking and to rescue and care for victims.

In California, Maria Suarez is one of the brave survivors of modern slavery who is

working to protect others from cruel mistreatment. At the age of 16, Maria was sold as a sex slave to a 62-year-old man in California. He was killed by a neighbor and Maria was convicted of murder for her limited role in covering up the killing of her captor. Consequently, Maria served 22 years in jail before being pardoned.

When Maria was released from prison she was detained by the immigration service as a convicted felon. I led efforts in Congress, along with community activists, to provide relief to Maria and release her from immigration detention. In 2004, Maria was granted a T visa, which is a visa for victims of trafficking and provides legal status for them to remain in the U.S. for 3 years. After 3 years, T visa holders can apply for permanent resident status. This legislation would allow for the reunification of victims and their families, and would help Maria Suarez and others like her by making the immigration service recognize that victims should not be held responsible for what they are forced to do while they are enslaved.

I applaud Chairmen LANTOS and CONYERS for their hard work and continued dedication to this issue. Congress must continue fighting on behalf of those who have been forced into servitude and slavery and give these people a voice. I am hopeful that this legislation will give immigrant survivors of domestic violence and trafficking victims, such as Maria Suarez, a genuine opportunity to explain their circumstances before Federal authorities.

RECOGNIZING BIG WALNUT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, it is with pleasure I congratulate the Golden Eagles of Big Walnut High School as the Division III Football State Champions!

Head Coach Scott Wetzel, in his twelfth year leading the Golden Eagles, found his team tied 10-10 in the fourth quarter. With less than 10 minutes to play, Joe Reed scored on a 54-yard interception return which clinched the title for his team in the 17-10 victory over Licking Valley.

This season brought many firsts for this team, high school and county. This was Big Walnut's first-ever championship game appearance, and also the first time a Delaware County high school earned a state title! This 2007 football team advanced further than any other team in school history.

I'm proud to congratulate this team and community and join with them in celebrating the history made with their State Championship title!

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JANE MAURY DENTON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and indeed the entire Nation recently

lost a special lady, and I rise today to honor Mrs. Jane Maury Denton and pay tribute to her memory.

Born in Mobile, Alabama, on March 22, 1926, Jane Maury was educated at The Convent of Visitation School in Alabama and Mary Washington College in Virginia. She married Mobile native, Jeremiah Denton, on June 6, 1946, the day he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy.

Mrs. Denton and her husband reared seven children while living in many states and Europe during her husband's distinguished military career; unfortunately, for almost 8 years, she reared their children alone. On July 16, 1965, while serving in the Vietnam War, then-Captain Denton's plane was shot down over the city of Thanh Hoa. He was held as a prisoner-of-war for eight long years in Hanoi, Vietnam.

During her husband's imprisonment, Mrs. Denton helped found the National League of Families of Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. Her tireless work on behalf of all American airmen held prisoner in North Vietnam is credited with obtaining a more humane treatment and ultimate release.

Jerry Denton returned home a true American hero; obviously, he and Jane had so many years of their lives for which to catch up. In 1980, Admiral Denton successfully ran for the U.S. Senate from Alabama. As a senator's wife, Jane became a true champion for the improvement of America's mental health facilities.

In recognition of her life-long support for her husband's naval career in addition to her work as an advocate for POWs, Mrs. Denton was given the honor of sponsoring and christening the USS *Mobile Bay*, a Ticonderoga Class Cruiser in 1985. The day she christened the ship, she said, "The event will be a real highlight of my life. My pleasure at receiving this honor is multiplied by my love for the Navy, my concern for our national defense, and my pride in having a fine ship named for Mobile Bay."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout Alabama, as well as a wonderful wife and devoted mother. Mrs. Denton will be missed by her family—her husband of 61 years, Senator Jeremiah Denton; their children, Jeremiah Denton III, Donald Denton, James Denton, William Denton, Madeleine Doak, Michael Denton, and Mary E. Denton; her sister, Madeleine McPhillips; her 14 grandchildren; and her three great-grandchildren—as well as the many countless friends she leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AL DAVIES FOR PLACING SECOND IN THE MANCHESTER UMBRO INTERNATIONAL CUP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Al Davies competed in England's largest youth soccer tournament; and Whereas, Al Davies showed hard work and dedication to the sport of soccer; and