

JULIA M. CARSON POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5472 which designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN, as the "Julia M. Carson Post Office Building."

Congresswoman Carson was the first and only African-American and woman in Indiana's congressional delegation. An exceptionally courageous and strong woman, she looked a childhood of poverty and segregation in the eye and rose above it to represent Indiana for over 35 years, first as an Indiana State representative and then as State senator before being elected to the United States Congress in 1996.

Julia was able to use her life experiences to help others also overcome poverty, discrimination and illness. I had the honor of being part of the Congresswoman's initiative to raise awareness of hypertension and stroke. I will always remember her unrelenting advocacy of women's rights, children's health, affordable housing, and equality. She stood up for unpopular, but critical issues including expanding SCHIP in the late 1990s and, most recently, voting against the war in Iraq. It is thus not surprising that Ms. Carson was the only person to ever be named Woman of the Year by The Indianapolis Star on two different occasions.

My strongest memory, however, is how Congresswoman Carson was a special and warm-hearted woman. She was one of the first to go out of her way to introduce herself to me when I first arrived at Congress in 2001. With our birthdays just a few days apart in July, she always took time to greet me with a special tenderness. Her determination on policy issues was matched by a stylish flair and humor that consistently brought a smile to the faces of all in the room.

Mr. Speaker, today I have the privilege of joining my colleagues in honoring this distinguished woman, good friend, and tireless advocate of the poor and working families by designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN, as the "Julia M. Carson Post Office Building."

ISRAEL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is a special privilege for me today to honor the nation of Israel on its 60th birthday. As Israelis celebrate their country's 60th anniversary, the international community is celebrating with them 60 years of independence.

In north Texas and in the 30th Congressional District of Texas, the Jewish Federation

of Greater Dallas, the Jewish Community Center of Dallas, Dallas Chapter of State of Israel Bonds, Dallas Chapter of Hadassah, Dallas Holocaust Museum, B'nai B'rith International, Congregation Beth El Binah, and other organizations have scheduled a series of events to commemorate this occasion.

As someone with a great interest in Israel, Middle Eastern affairs, and world peace, I believe that the political transformations in this region during the past few years have been dramatic. We have come a long way, despite attempts by extreme factions to harm Israel and the cause of peace in the region.

I would like to quote an excerpt from Israel's "declaration of independence," published 50 years ago as the British mandate over the area drew to an end:

We extend our hand in peace and neighbourliness to all the neighbouring states and their peoples, and invite them to cooperate with the independent Jewish nation for the common good of all.

It is in that spirit, and with that faith, that I will continue to work with this and the new administration to ensure the United States remains firm in its commitment to the security of Israel and to those principles necessary to guarantee the success of the Arab-Israeli peace process.

TRIBUTE TO CUMMINS ENGINE FOR PRODUCTION OF MILLIONTH ENGINE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cummins Engine for the production of their millionth engine.

For many years Cummins Engine has provided quality employment to hundreds of residents in the Chautauqua County area. We have seen this company grow and continue to prosper for many years.

Cummins Engine is a global power leader. It is a corporation of complementary business units that design, manufacture, distribute and service engines and related technologies, including fuel systems, controls, air handling, filtration, emission solutions and electrical power generation systems. With a headquarters in Columbus Indiana, they serve customers in more than 160 countries. They also boast a network of 550 company owned and independent distributor facilities and more than 5,000 dealer locations. Cummins employs more than 28,000 employees worldwide and as of 2004 reported sales of \$8.4 billion.

The Jamestown Engine Plant, one of Cummins largest manufacturing facilities. It is responsible for manufacturing heavy duty engines (ISM 11 liters and ISX 15 liters), and machine components. The plant produces an average of 400 engines every day. It was also recognized as the 2004 Business of the Year. For the production of their one millionth engine I am proud and honored to celebrate with this wonderful company.

Chautauqua County is blessed to have such strong employers with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Cummins Engine is one of those businesses and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise to honor them today.

HONORING JEANNE LAUDICK

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeanne Laudick who was born in Washington, DC, as the daughter of a government attorney. She grew up in Denver, CO, and obtained her college degree from the Colorado State College of Education, now the University of Northern Colorado.

Jeanne married her husband John, in Denver, when she was 21, and they started their family that grew to three children. Their oldest son eventually served in the United States Army. Jeanne was both homemaker and sometimes co-breadwinner for the family over those years.

In 1972, Jeanne and her family moved to Ft. Collins. There she and her husband started their own business, Alpine Manufacturing, Inc., in their basement, with all the kids helping out. That business grew over the years, providing employment for some 70 employees, manufacturing tools, dies, and molds, and providing production machinery. Jeanne held the corporate office of secretary-treasurer, as well as co-owner.

Through the family business, Jeanne became a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Business, and the Governor's Small Business Committee. She was appointed to the Latimer County Board of Adjustments, and to the Judicial Performance Commission. Exemplifying the American spirit of action and service, Jeanne also served as a volunteer for the Poudre Valley Hospital, the United Way, and as a fundraiser for the Wingshadow Frontier High School for kids needing alternative education opportunities.

Jeanne Laudick never stops doing and learning. She has traveled extensively with her husband, especially since their retirement from the family business. She has seen and experienced several countries in Central and South America, and several more in the eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East; some, like Uruguay, far off the beaten path.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Jeanne Laudick, who has led a life of valuable contribution to her family, her community, and to this country.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF VERN AND JOHANNA EHLERS

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of a very special and momentous occasion, the 50th wedding anniversary of our colleague, VERN EHLERS, and his beautiful wife, Johanna. As we offer our heartfelt congratulations to them, we have the opportunity to reflect on the significant milestone these two lives, joined as one, celebrate this year.

Married on June 14, 1958, their lives have been marked by a lasting devotion to one another, and to serving and glorifying the Lord.

Through their commitment to a strong faith, VERN and Jo have touched many lives. However, in my opinion, the greatest accomplishment and contribution of this couple are their four children, Heidi and her husband, Bob; Brian; Todd and his wife, Mirjam; and Marla; and their five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. As they gather together on April 26 to mark this special day, it is the perfect time to reaffirm and strengthen the love and memories they share together.

Through a strong dedication to the institution of marriage, VERN and Jo have built a life of love and purpose. This celebration serves as an inspiration for all of us, and again reminds us that great things happen when we seek to serve and glorify God. What a fitting tribute to VERN and Jo.

I offer our best wishes for a joyfully memorable anniversary celebration as well as good health and much happiness for many years to come. As one of just a few scientists serving in the House, apparently our colleague has found the formula for lifelong happiness. May God continue to bless VERN and Jo, and I know that they will continue to be a blessing to their family, and to their many friends and colleagues.

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL
AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize April as National Autism Awareness Month. Autism Awareness Month brings attention to the wide spectrum of autistic-related disorders affecting as many as 1 in 150 children born in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have identified autism as a national public health crisis whose cause and cure remain unknown.

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that typically lasts throughout a person's lifetime. It is part of a group of disorders known as autism spectrum disorders. It is now more common in diagnosis than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined. It occurs in all racial, ethnic, and social groups and is four times more likely to strike boys than girls. Autism impairs one's ability to communicate and relate to others; depending on the severity of the diagnosis, autism may dramatically affect one's quality of life and ability to obtain employment.

I am proud of the many organizations and programs that exist in the Chicagoland area to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of autism. I especially want to recognize Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago for its extraordinary work on this important issue. Easter Seals provides comprehensive autism services to its clients, including autism therapeutic schools, adult vocational programs, after school programs, information, and professional training. Illinois has seen a 353-percent increase in autism since 1993. Easter Seals is responding proactively to this increase by building the Therapeutic School and Center for Autism Research, which has already begun its construction and is expected to be completed in 2012. This landmark facility will offer stu-

dents with autism an array of services that includes medical assessments, nursing, behavior, speech, physical, and occupational therapy, social work services, art and music therapy, vocational training, and community training. Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago has provided excellent care to its clients for over 70 years, and I commend them for their commitment to serving those affected by autism spectrum disorders in our community.

In Chicago and across the country, it is clear that autism is having an enormous effect on children and families. Autism Awareness Month and its associated events help shine light on this critical issue. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I am indeed pleased to join with my colleagues in celebrating the goals of awareness, prevention, and treatment of autism spectrum disorders during this April's National Autism Awareness Month.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING TAYLOR
HUFFMAN FOR WINNING
THE BOYS' DIVISION I STATE
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Taylor Huffman showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Taylor Huffman was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Taylor Huffman always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Taylor Huffman on winning the Boys' Division I State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

HONORING COLIN STARNER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Colin Thomas Starnier of Liberty, Missouri. Colin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Colin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Colin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Colin Thomas Starnier for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE TO HILDA DAVIS

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Hilda Davis, recently awarded the 2008 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Second Congressional District of Maryland's Veterans Advisory Council.

Hilda Davis's husband belongs to the Elks Association's Essex Lodge No. 1866. The lodge visits the Baltimore VA Rehabilitation Extended Care Center, BRECC, frequently, and Hilda's involvement in these visits has increased throughout the years. Not only does Hilda do extensive work for the veterans at the BRECC, but she volunteers at other lodges when they invite veterans to their facilities for various events.

Hilda spends several hours a month volunteering at the BRECC, but she also spends many more hours doing behind the scenes work for BRECC events. For every holiday and party, Hilda makes sure she buys decorations and other festive items that can be used for events with and for the veterans.

During her spare time, Hilda also writes letters to different businesses and organizations asking for donations, either monetary or items that can be used for events for the veterans or given directly to the veterans themselves. Whenever Hilda learns of a female veteran patient at the BRECC, she makes personal comfort kits to take them. Because the BRECC facility does not have a canteen, Hilda will also periodically make snack bags to bring to the patients when the lodge makes their monthly visits to the veterans.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Hilda Davis. She is a remarkable volunteer for Maryland's veterans. Through her ongoing efforts, she has brought joy and delight to the hundreds of veterans she has worked with. Hilda has gone above and beyond the call of duty to aid those who have sacrificed to serve our great Nation.

CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT
OF CHINA TO END ITS CRACK-
DOWN IN TIBET

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support of H. Res. 1077, Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to end its crackdown in Tibet and enter into a substantive dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama to find a negotiated solution that respects the distinctive language, culture, religious identity, and fundamental freedoms of all Tibetans, and for other purposes.

It is important to encourage and support a dialogue between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Dalai Lama in order to improve the current and future situation of Tibet. For almost six decades the people of Tibet have been repressed by the Government of China by their policies, laws, and