

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, DR. LAJEANE THOMAS

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 23, 2008*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Lajeane Thomas, a professor of education at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, LA., who was recently named to eSchool News' "Ten Who've Made a Difference" in educational technology.

Thoma's designation to this list put her alongside world-renowned technology dynamo Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates as well as One Laptop Per Child Chairman Nicholas Negroponte and Linda Roberts, former special White House advisor to educational technology.

According to its Web site, eSchool News is a marketing solutions company whose purpose is to serve the education technology industry. The company released its Top 10 list in honor of its 10th anniversary as a way to recognize people who have made a significant impact on educational technology in the last decade.

As the chair of the accreditation standards committee with the International Society for Technology in Education, Thomas has consistently kept Louisiana Tech University on the cutting edge of educational technology. In fact, it was her leadership in creating the nation's first set of national standards in this area in 1998—the National Education Technology Standards—which earned her the eSchool News' designation as one of our country's most notable "ed-tech movers and shakers."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the accomplishments of Dr. Lajeane Thomas and her commitment to advancing educational technology for college students in the 5th Congressional District of Louisiana and throughout our Nation.

CONGRATULATING ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 23, 2008*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ambler on an important milestone—its 100th anniversary. Over the past 100 years, St. John's, known by many as "the little church with the big heart," has served the people of my district. I am honored to represent the St. John's community in Congress.

In 1907, Samuel F. Tholan, a young Lutheran pastor from Upper Dublin Lutheran

Church, began holding worship services for Ambler residents who were unable to travel to Upper Dublin. On April 26, 1908, Pastor Tholan's 28 member congregation was organized officially as St. John's Lutheran Church. St. John's was housed in the Ambler opera house until 1913, when it moved to the congregation's current home at the corner of Race and Ridge Streets in the heart of downtown Ambler.

Over the tumultuous past century, St. John's has embraced music as the fabric and heart of the congregation. On Sunday mornings, passersby are greeted with the swells of jazz, gospel, or Bach's cello suites emanating from within the chapel. In recent years, as a result of committed service to the Nation at large, St. John's has earned a new nickname: "the little church with big ideas."

In 2005, following Hurricane Katrina, St. John's held concerts to raise money for those who were displaced by the storm and sent a group of volunteers to Biloxi to aid in reconstruction efforts. St. John's also donated hundreds of musical instruments to replace those that were lost in the hurricane.

In 2007, St. John's turned their attention to the Ethiopian orphans of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Harnessing the power of their musical congregation, St. John's held concerts that raised funds for the Fountain of Life Child Sponsorship Project, which will provide support for 300 of these orphans.

Madam Speaker, once again I congratulate St. John's Lutheran Evangelical Church, and all of the men, women, and children of the congregation for their dedication to religious and community service. This "little church with big ideas" has had a remarkable impact on our local, regional, national, and international community. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary milestone of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and wish the St. John's family many more years of community enrichment and service.

HONORING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF SEPCHE

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 23, 2008*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and celebrate the 15th anniversary of the creation of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education (SEPCHE) of the greater Philadelphia area. Together, the institutions that make up SEPCHE enroll more than 20,000 students and represent the third largest provider of higher education services in the Delaware Valley. Collectively, the consortium awards more master degrees in education than any other institution in the Commonwealth and is the largest provider of teaching credentials.

Throughout the past 15 years, the eight colleges that comprise SEPCHE—Arcadia Uni-

versity, Cabrini College, Chestnut Hill College, Gwynedd-Mercy College, Holy Family University, Immaculata University, Neumann College and Rosemont College—have engaged in a collaborative approach to the challenges of higher education. Through a range of activities, services, technology and information, the consortium institutions have worked together to promote quality and efficiency of academic programming, student access, faculty development, institutional operations and community outreach.

In addition to its work at the collegiate level, the collaborative efforts of SEPCHE have had many positive outcomes for the member schools and the surrounding communities. With its development of the Mathematics & Science Institute, which offers ongoing education and training to hundreds of K-12 teachers in the Philadelphia area, the institute has been a valuable resource in curriculum development for use in classrooms.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in thanking the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education for its exemplary service and commitment to its students and region's communities. May its continued excellence be an inspiration to us all.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. DONALD C. MOYER

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 23, 2008*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor Dr. Donald C. Moyer by entering his name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I honor the life of Dr. Donald C. Moyer.

Dr. Moyer was the first official president of the institution called Nevada Southern University which is now the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV). Dr. Moyer served first as chancellor, and then as president from 1964 to 1968. Moyer spent much of his time working with students to elevate the campus experience, and he remained active in the university throughout his life, attending school ceremonies and functions.

During his tenure, the first on-campus housing facility, Tonopah Hall, was built. He also secured funds for other buildings, including the original Student Union, which was later dedicated to him. Dr. Moyer is credited for establishing the College of Hotel Administration. He raised money for the Performing Arts Center, and laid the groundwork for intercollegiate football. Additionally, Dr. Moyer worked to create the Nevada Southern Land Foundation, which used State funds to buy much of the 334-acre campus that UNLV has today. The UNLV Alumni Association was also created under his guide.

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