

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING DOUG WARNER

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 9, 2009*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor and recognize an outstanding citizen of Germantown, Tennessee, Mr. Doug Warner.

For the past 22 years, Doug has volunteered for the Mountain Tennessee Outreach Project (T.O.P.) which attends to the spiritual, physical, emotional or social needs of rural Tennessee residents. Doug has led more than 50 trips to the counties in Tennessee this organization aids and brought much comfort to those families in distress. Doug has also been there in times of tragedy by collecting and distributing supplies to aid in the recovery efforts after natural disasters such as the Ivan, Katrina and Rita hurricanes.

Besides his work with Mountain T.O.P., Doug has organized numerous other volunteer projects in order to help the lives of his fellow citizens and make his community better. Through his service on the Habitat for Humanity Board, Doug has sponsored and built more than 29 Habitat houses as well as collecting donated furniture and accessories to help these families to a new beginning. Doug and his family continue to be an active part of the Germantown United Methodist Church.

Through this service and countless other accomplishments, the quality of life of many Tennesseans has been greatly improved because of Doug's leadership, experience and willingness to give. Congratulations to Mr. Doug Warner on being named Citizen of the Year 2008 by the Germantown, Tennessee Lions Club.

MARY KELLIGREW KASSLER: 25  
YEARS OF HER BEST

#### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 9, 2009*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, after 25 years of extraordinary service in the WIC Program, Mary Kelligrew Kassler is retiring. I know literally no one who has worked harder to make this the kind of country that we all want to live in. Her dedication to providing needed assistance at the critical time in their lives to lower-income women and their children is unsurpassed.

I will personally miss her as a source of absolutely reliable advice in this area. She combined a zeal for the important work she was doing with a balanced outlook and a realistic understanding of how to get things done that made her an advisor on whom I could always rely without any question.

For 25 years Mary Kelligrew Kassler has exemplified public service in a critical area.

Madam Speaker, I hope that young people contemplating careers will learn about the extraordinary work she did and that she will be, at least for some, a role model.

### HONORING CENTRAL CALIFORNIA HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 9, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce upon the celebration of their 25th anniversary. The anniversary will be celebrated on Friday March 13, 2009 in Fresno, California.

In 1983 a small, influential group of Hispanic business owners in the Fresno area came together and identified a need for a business organization that was aimed toward growing and developing Hispanic owned businesses. The leaders began to develop strong ties to the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Together they built the foundation and began to gather support from local businesses and leaders to form the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (CCHCC). Under the leadership of Hugo Morales, Carmen Navarro, Jo Ann Orijel, the late Albert Ramirez, Jorge Acuna, David Mendoza, Rose Molina, and others, the CCHCC was formed.

The focus for the first couple of years was to become incorporated, obtain non-profit status, to expand and cover the Central Valley and to create by-laws and establish a board of directors. This was accomplished by 1985. The CCHCC further gained momentum when State Center Community College District, California State University, Fresno, Pepsi-Cola and other corporations pledged their support. These early supporters help catapult CCHCC into becoming a viable business organization.

Today, CCHCC is involved in addressing the quality of life for the Hispanic community. The CCHCC has hosted several events to promote and revitalize local Hispanic businesses and boost the economy for the entire Central Valley.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on 25 years of business. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing CCHCC many years of continued success.

### CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

#### HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 9, 2009*

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a significant milestone for a pres-

tigious institution of higher learning in my state of Oklahoma. Northeastern State University, located in Tahlequah, is turning 100 years old this month.

Founded in 1909, Northeastern State University has been a center of learning and excellence for thousands of Oklahomans.

One hundred years ago this month, Governor Charles Haskell signed the document creating Northeastern State Normal School on the site of the former Cherokee National Female Seminary. Since that day, NSU has become a highly regarded academic institution and the fourth largest university in the state of Oklahoma.

With a student body of more than 9,000, NSU brings a broad swath of diversity to the learning environment. 29% of the students who attend Northeastern State are self-identified Native Americans.

NSU offers degree programs in four academic colleges and is home to Oklahoma's only College of Optometry.

On the athletic field, things look just as promising for Northeastern. NSU is a member of the NCAA Division II LoneStar Conference and fields teams in basketball, baseball, football, golf, soccer, softball and tennis.

In these times of limited educational dollars, it is important for the United States Congress to remember the local and regional universities that educate so many of our citizens. Northeastern State University is an enormous asset to eastern Oklahoma and I come to the floor today to honor all they do.

Happy Birthday Northeastern State University!

### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 9, 2009*

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2009 Omnibus.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, SGR

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Citrus Mutual

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 89, Lakeland, FL 33802

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,217,000 for Florida Citrus Mutual. The funding will be used to improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate these devastating citrus diseases. After two unprecedented, devastating hurricane seasons in 2004 and 2005, APHIS determined in January 2006 that eradicating citrus canker from Florida is no longer feasible. As a result, the scientific community

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