

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAUL "RED" FAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, last week the Bay Area lost a fourth-generation San Franciscan and a proud American, Paul "Red" Fay.

Over his long life, Red was a devoted public servant, a successful entrepreneur, and a noted philanthropist. Above all, Red was a much-beloved friend to many. He was a man of great humor and an indefatigably good spirit.

Red became a close confidant of President Kennedy when they served together in the Navy during World War II. He worked on all of the President's political campaigns, and was an usher at the President's wedding. He was proud to serve as Undersecretary of the Navy in the Kennedy Administration. Their friendship lasted until President Kennedy's death.

Red was a successful entrepreneur, leading the Fay Improvement Co., his family-owned contracting business and a successful investment firm.

Mr. Fay was a generous supporter of many worthy causes. Proud of his Irish heritage, he was a champion of the American Ireland Fund. He donated his time to the Robert Odell Foundation and the Robert F. Kennedy Foundation. But the cause he devoted the most to was Youth Tennis Advantage, which helped teach underprivileged children the game of tennis that Red enjoyed so much.

Red is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Anita, his three children, Paul, Katherine and Sally, and seven grandchildren. I hope it is a comfort to them that so many people are mourning their loss and praying for them at this sad time.

SICKLE CELL DISEASE
AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 186 to recognize the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month.

As we all know, sickle cell disease is a genetic blood disorder that affects tens of thousands of individuals here in the United States and countless others across the globe. Within our country, it is particularly prevalent in the African-American community, and I believe we must continue to fight and research this disease in order to create a happier and healthier life for those who suffer from it, both at home and abroad.

In my district in Dallas, we are doing extraordinary things to combat sickle cell disease. At the UT Southwestern Medical Center, we have one of the leading research groups that studies this disease, and in recent years they have accomplished numerous breakthroughs in sickle cell research. Under the leadership of Dr. George Buchanan, the Sickle Cell Center has recently published an important paper which clarifies how to predict the severity of sickle cell disease in young people much more accurately than previously accepted predictors. Additionally, the center has developed a clinic that caters specifically to adult patients who are now living with the disease well into adulthood. These advances in sickle cell research are crucial blocks in the foundation of our understanding of this painful and destructive disease.

I applaud the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month, and I encourage my colleagues to join me and support this resolution to educate people about the need for early detection methods, effective treatments, and research funding for sickle cell disease.

HONORING SHERIFF BILL
KOLENDER

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bill Kolender, a distinguished public servant, lifelong law enforcement official and well-respected and recently retired Sheriff of San Diego County.

After growing up in Chicago, Bill Kolender found his way to San Diego. In 1964, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Affairs and Public Administration from San Diego State University, which wisely honored him as its outstanding alumnus in 1985. It was one of many well-deserved awards he received during his 13 years of service as Chief of Police for the San Diego Police Department.

Although he retired from the San Diego Police Department in 1988, Bill Kolender remained in the public eye and continued to serve the public good. In 1991, Governor Pete Wilson appointed Bill to serve as Director of the California Youth Authority (CYA), the largest youth correctional agency in the nation. I remember hearing him speak eloquently of the young people whose lives he touched and how engaged he was in their rehabilitation.

His passion for public safety remained strong and his commitment to San Diego never faltered. Before long, Bill decided to run for sheriff. He was elected by the people of San Diego County to serve as their 28th Sheriff, a position he assumed in 1995. He was re-elected three times.

Serving as Sheriff of San Diego County is no small task. His responsibilities were many. As Sheriff, Bill led over 4,000 employees, oversaw a \$500 million budget, and success-

fully operated 7 detention facilities and 11 court facilities. He led by example and administered justice in a firm, but fair, manner. He never sought to exploit a situation or to use another's tragedy to promote a personal agenda. Instead, he worked tirelessly to protect the people of San Diego.

As Sheriff, Bill served as the de facto police chief for 9 of the 18 cities in San Diego County that contracted the services of his office. Bill Kolender was, in short, the chief law enforcement officer for much of San Diego County. It was here, in law enforcement, that he truly shined. When Bill retired earlier this year, crime in San Diego County was at a 25-year low. Across the board and across the county, San Diego is safer thanks to Bill Kolender. In nearly every category, and in nearly every city, crime is down.

As a former police chief, Bill understood that criminals do not respect city boundaries. By working cooperatively, Sheriff Kolender brought together leaders of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to create multi-jurisdictional task forces that successfully shared information and strategies to fight crime and to reduce it.

Those who understand this issue—whether they serve in public safety, in elected office or in academics—credit Bill Kolender for ushering in an era of cooperation between law enforcement agencies across the county. Bill Kolender was the leader who brought these different agencies together to make all of San Diego safer.

I am not the first to honor Sheriff Bill Kolender, and I will not be the last. But I am proud to add my voice to the chorus of those singing his praises because the accolades are well deserved. Thanks to Bill Kolender, San Diego is not only America's finest city, it is one of America's safest cities.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, as Vice-Chair of the House Homeland Security Committee, I am working to ensure that our country and communities have the resources they need to respond to all types of disasters.

I was happy to see that Secretary of Homeland Security Napolitano designated September as National Preparedness Month, and that the Department of Homeland Security is offering resources and classes to ensure our citizens are prepared to handle disasters.

In classrooms and at community events around the country, Americans are learning how to prepare their family for potential disasters.

In California, this type of outreach and education has become especially critical for ensuring that our citizens are able to stay safe

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during the massive and frequent Southern California wildfires.

I am also a proud cosponsor of H. Res 731, which was introduced by Congresswoman YVETTE CLARKE, and commends our first responders and local law enforcement.

These men and women are on the frontlines every day, preventing disasters, educating the public on preparedness, and assisting in response efforts.

I urge all Americans to continue the spirit of national preparedness month beyond September by taking an active role in making sure all of our families and communities are prepared for natural or man-made disasters.

HEAVEN HOLDS A PLACE—A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a poetic tribute penned by Albert Carey Caswell in honor of and in memory of a truly great American.

HEAVEN HOLDS A PLACE

Heaven holds a place!
 For all of those whom have so held such faith!
 Who, no matter how dark the days . . .
 Somehow, always so kept pace!
 Heaven holds a place!
 For such men of love and grace . . .
 Who all the while, somehow always kept their smile . . .
 No matter the darkest of days!
 All in what, they so faced . . .
 Yes, Heaven so holds a place!
 For men of peace, and of such grace!
 Who have so fought for the poor, the sick,
 and the old each day!
 Heaven, so holds a place!
 For those who gave warmth, even though the
 wind's turned cold they faced . . .
 For all those who have so loved children, our
 Lord God so holds a special place!
 For a 77 year old man, who with the heart of
 a child who would stand . . .
 Who somehow ever wore a smile!
 Who touched all those around him, all the
 while!
 Yes, Teddy . . . Heaven so holds a place!
 For heroes like you, who had to wipe those
 tears from your face!
 Holding a family together, with an of your
 courage and grace!
 Yes, for you Ted . . . Heaven so holds a
 place!
 For men who have so fallen from grace . . .
 And, but asked for redemption, and so
 prayed and prayed . . .
 As our Lord so heard you calling, calling
 night and day . . .
 As such burdens, upon your own soul you
 placed!
 As for redemption you so prayed!
 Men who have taught love, not hate!
 Why, Heaven so holds a place!
 Who in the darkness cried out such tears, as
 the new day they faced . . .
 For all those with hearts like of a lion . . .
 Who for mankind, never stopped trying!
 For you see, such things . . . time can not so
 erase!
 And for such men, Heaven so holds a place!
 In loving memory of Senator Edward M.
 Kennedy. May God bless you and your
 family . . .

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased today to join my friend and colleague from Kentucky, Congressman WHITFIELD, in introducing legislation authorizing the Federal Trade Commission to conduct international technical assistance activities.

On April 2, 2007, The Antitrust Modernization Commission, a non-partisan Commission established by an act of Congress, submitted a report to Congress and the President, containing a comprehensive set of recommendations for modernization of our nation's antitrust laws. Included in the report was a recommendation that Congress "provide budgetary authority, as well as appropriations, directly to the Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice to provide international antitrust technical assistance."

While recognizing that progress has been made toward convergence, or standardization, of antitrust laws from country-to-country, in discussing the need for Congress to authorize and fund technical assistance activities, the Commission pointed to three primary reasons for the need of for a sustained technical assistance program. The Commission concluded that: "First, companies may be subject to conflicting and inconsistent laws, creating uncertainty as to the legal standards applicable to their business arrangements. Second, companies must comply with the procedural requirements of multiple jurisdictions, potentially increasing their costs significantly, particularly with respect to notification requirements for mergers. Third, different countries may ultimately impose different, and inconsistent, remedies with respect to the same conduct or transaction."

Technical assistance programming involves sending antitrust experts from U.S. agencies with institutional expertise in the regulation and enforcement of antitrust laws to foreign capitols to provide guidance and consultation to their foreign counterparts in the development, implementation and enforcement of antitrust law.

As noted in the Antitrust Modernization Commission Report, "the DoJ and FTC provide extensive technical assistance to nascent competition law regimes." Funding for such technical assistance programming is derived from USAID. USAID, a foreign aid agency of the Department of State, has as its mission to foster democracy, economic growth and human health in developing nations through a variety of means, including food aid, infrastructure construction, training, and technical assistance across a number of public policy and legal areas, including competition policy. As the Commission notes, "FTC and DoJ requests for limited USAID funding to support antitrust training efforts accordingly compete with others' demands for basic needs such as food and healthcare support."

As a result of these competing demands, technical assistance funding to DoJ and the

FTC is severely limited and inconsistent from year-to-year. The limited and inconsistent nature of USAID funding for technical assistance presents unique challenges for the agencies involved. According to a University of Missouri study by D. Daniel Sokol and Kyle W. Stiegert, entitled "An Empirical Evaluation of Long Term Advisors and Short Term Interventions in Technical Assistance" there are generally two types of technical assistance activities, long term advisors (LTA) and short term interventions (STI). "LTAs are advisors that spend an extended time period working in-country with a recipient antitrust agency. STIs are technical assistance interventions based on a "discrete set of issues including concentrated programs that simulate investigations of competition cases, training for judges, or other inputs." Both approaches involve the commitment of highly skilled and specialized agency staff. Absent a clear and dedicated funding source for technical assistance activities, agencies are reluctant to commit such resources to building out a robust technical assistance program and to dedicate staff to technical assistance activities.

There are other limitations inherent in USAID as the funding source for technical assistance activities that are driven primarily by the mission and foreign aid restrictions placed on the agency. By definition, USAID's mission is to work with emerging democracies and economies. While this mission is important, the countries that receive foreign assistance from USAID, including technical assistance training in whatever form, generally are not those where U.S. businesses are increasingly encountering problems with domestic barriers to entry for trade—countries such as Brazil, India, South Korea and China, which are deemed to be too developed to qualify for USAID assistance. China exemplifies another limitation on use of USAID funding for technical assistance. Because of the nature of Chinese government, it is illegal to provide US foreign aid to China. As a result, even if USAID was inclined to provide funding for technical assistance programming in China, it would be prohibited by law from doing so.

With the rapid proliferation of antitrust enforcement regimes around the globe, the future of international commerce is no longer about classic market access issues like tariffs and quotas. The debate is increasingly about divergent regulations and other so-called "in-country barriers" to trade. These in-country barriers to entry make it increasingly difficult for U.S. companies to compete effectively around the world. While technical assistance training, alone, will not solve these highly complex problems, its approach, based on trust building, education and cooperation, represents one very important tool to addressing the challenge of international standardization of antitrust laws and competition policy regimes.

HONORING THE FORT WORTH ZOO ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Fort Worth Zoo, the oldest zoo in Texas.

This nationally renowned zoological park opened in Trinity Park in 1909 with just two bears, a lion, a coyote, an alligator, a peacock, and a few rabbits. Today, it is home to over 5,000 exotic and native animals.

The Zoo moved to its present home in Forest Park in 1912 after flooding from the Trinity River killed all of the animals. The first permanent structure was built to house Queen Tut, the Zoo's first Asian elephant.

The Zoo's early years saw many changes. In 1924, amusement rides were added. This included the Zoo train, which is still in use today. Throughout the 1930s, many improvements were made to include additional exhibits. In the 1940s, another elephant was added, as well as a hippo. The 1950s brought exciting changes. The Zoo not only formed the Fort Worth Zoological Association, but the aquarium opened with 100 tanks and 400 species. The herpetarium was added in 1960. The 1980s and 1990s included the opening of the Asian elephant breeding facility, the World of Primates, Asian Falls, and numerous exhibits featuring animals such as penguins, meerkats, koalas, and flamingos. The eight-acre Texas Wild! Complex opened in 2001 and showcases seven separate exhibits with animals that are all native to our great state.

The future is bright with the planned Museum of Living Art, which will house amphibians and reptiles. It will also serve as an educational facility so that visitors can learn about wildlife conservation.

All of these incredible additions have made the Fort Worth Zoo one of the most popular attractions locally, as well as a destination for people from across the United States.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Fort Worth Zoo on its 100th anniversary and to offer my sincere congratulations to an outstanding facility and its staff that have provided countless memories to children and adults over the years.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
ZACK BAKER FOR WINNING THE
BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Zack Baker showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Zack Baker was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Zack Baker always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Zack Baker on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

RECOGNIZING THE NIGHT
MINISTRY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of The Night Ministry and their Response Ability Pregnant and Parenting Program, a program that is devoted to providing supportive services to pregnant and parenting homeless teens to strengthen family support systems, reduce subsequent pregnancies, keep teens in school, improve parenting skills and increase the safety and stability in their living situations.

The Night Ministry's RAPP Program is this year's recipient of the Healthy Teen Network's National Outstanding Emerging Innovation Program Award. This award is given out annually to a program that has demonstrated commitment to the prevention of teen pregnancy or excellence in teen pregnancy and parenting services. The RAPP Program assists teen parents while focusing on both short- and long-term goals such as medical and mental health care, acquiring stable housing, vocational training, accessing public aid and general assistance by offering services in the community and at the eight-bed, eight-crib Open Door Shelter in Lake View.

The Night Ministry's RAPP Program assists homeless teens while they deal with the stresses and strains of pregnancy and parenting. I am proud to recognize the hard work, ingenuity and charity of The Night Ministry as the RAPP Program continues to improve teenager's lives and the prospects of their futures.

ACORN DESERVES EQUAL JUSTICE
UNDER THE LAW

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I oppose the final version of the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill, which includes language that would ban funding for the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). While ACORN has fallen under media scrutiny for actions reported by the media, no criminal charges have been filed against ACORN, no indictment has been reached against ACORN, and no trial by jury has taken place regarding ACORN.

I support an investigation of ACORN, and ACORN has already moved forward with an objective, unbiased investigation of these allegations. Instead of acting on factual data, Congress is reacting based on media reports of alleged wrongdoing. All Americans have the presumption of innocence. With this vote, Congress has ignored this presumption, and the Constitution, as well. This vote against ACORN—or any liberal, conservative, or independent organization without merit—is wrong. In these economically and socially difficult times, Congress must utilize leadership, reason, sense, and sanity. This vote is not sound leadership, and it is not what the American people expect or need.

Congress should not, and must not, start punishing individuals, businesses, or groups

without a fair trial. Congress must not assume guilt based on media reports, Internet chat rooms, or anything less than a complete and full investigation of the facts by the appropriate law enforcement agency. Some Members of Congress have even questioned the Constitutionality of Congress' refusing funds to inflict punishment on individuals without a fair trial. While I am not an expert on the Constitution, I do know that we must protect the rights of all individuals. The language in this bill, which would ban federal funds for ACORN for the length of any Continuing Budget Resolution, is wrong. It is wrong to punish organizations or individuals without a trial, and it is wrong because it totally obscures the good work that groups like ACORN have done for years. It is wrong because Congress must lead and not follow.

ACORN has operated for almost 20 years fighting for poor people. The organization has registered voters and attained housing for low income individuals and families.

This vote sets a very chilling precedent of acting first and asking questions or investigating later. I do not know the merits, or lack thereof, of ACORN's alleged wrongdoing. I do know that when Congress acts without the complete set of facts and does not consider the ramifications that this precedent sets, it hurts all Americans.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
TREY PORTER FOR WINNING
THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE
BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Trey Porter showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and
Whereas, Trey Porter was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Trey Porter always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Trey Porter on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JUDGE JERRY BUCHMEYER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a trailblazing legal mind that changed the face of public housing and city elections, The Honorable Jerry Buchmeyer.

Judge Buchmeyer, a retired U.S. District judge, was first appointed to the bench by President Jimmy Carter in 1979. His unwavering pursuit of fairness, in spite of the discriminatory practices that prevailed during this era,

led to laws being changed in the name of equality. Most notably, his work with public housing desegregation allowed lower income individuals access to neighborhoods once denied to them because of racial grounds.

As a Representative from the Dallas area, I appreciate Judge Buchmeyer's contribution to fair housing in addition to city elections. It is important to note that in the early 1990s the Judge ordered an election system that required more single-member districts which increased the opportunity for fair representation city-wide.

As much as he was known as a proponent of equality and fairness, he was also known for his great sense of humor and legal wit. I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing condolences and celebrating the life of Judge Jerry Buchmeyer.

HONORING CONDUCTOR ERICH
KUNZEL

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great loss in the world of music. I ask that this tribute penned by Albert Caswell of the Capitol Guide Service be placed in the Congressional Record. The Conductor Erich Kunzel, known as "The Prince of Pops," was always a colorful showman who sold well over ten million recordings and for over two decades conducted the National Symphony on Memorial Day and Fourth of July concerts at the United States Capitol in Washington. As the founding conductor, he has directed the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra since its inception in 1977. He will be missed.

ORCHESTRATING A LIFE

Orchestrating, a life . . .
The beats and measures, that which now forever so burn bright . . .
All in the rhythms of our lives . . .
Are all of those songs which we now so leave behind . . .
Are all of those beats of our lives so in time . . .
Composing, something so sublime . . .
All in how we lead, all in these our lifetimes . . .
Composed, all in these our short lives . . .
In this, The Symphony of our lives . . .
which we so now leave behind!
Of this the leader of The Band, so very fine . . .
As Erich, you so stood there so waving your baton . . .
All in what you so invoked, so inspired, so beautiful we now so find . . .
Such emotion and masterpieces, with such rhyme . . .
As one of the greatest of all Maestros of our time . . .
As why Eric, for you the violins now so cry . . .
And the drums so beat, for you now that you've died . . .
As that lone bugle plays taps, one last time . . .
Thinking of you, the smiles and the tears we now so find . . .
Of a gentle warm man, so very kind . . .
All because of the life you so conducted, which now so comes to mind . . .
Like a great symphony Erich, what you so orchestrated all in your time . . .

Thinking of you, we hear a rhapsody in blue . . . and now so cry . . .
Knowing, that we have so lost such a wonderful guy . . .
But life, has only so many beats . . . and measures to define . . .
What it is, that we have so left behind . . .
All in what we have so composed, all in these our times . . .
Magnifica, Maestro as is your life's Masterpiece so very fine!
And now, Erich . . . there is music in Heaven so sublime . . .
All because of the kind of life, that you have so orchestrated in your time!
In heaven now, waving his baton . . .

A PROCLAMATION HONORING TANNER ECKSTEIN FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Tanner Eckstein showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and Whereas, Tanner Eckstein was a supportive team player; and Whereas, Tanner Eckstein always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Tanner Eckstein on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, on September 29, 2009, my flight to Washington, DC, was delayed because of inclement weather, and I missed rollcall vote No. 740. If I had been present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO MR. LESLIE M. GREEN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's unsung heroes, Mr. Leslie M. Green. Mr. Green is a retired Corporal of the 118th Army Air Forces Base Unit who has recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He is an ordinary man who has led an extraordinary life, one that deserves our recognition.

Leslie Green was born in East Point, Georgia on August 14, 1919. He was educated in the only high school available to him at the

time, the all-black Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta. After graduation, he worked on the family farm and in his father's business, which was unusual at the time. However, Leslie was drafted into the United States Army at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1941, and was sent to New Orleans for basic training with the 9th Aviation Squadron.

After basic training, he was sent to Maxwell Field in Tuskegee, Alabama, where he received on-the-job training in aircraft maintenance. He became an aircraft crew chief with the rank of Corporal. For his outstanding work, Corporal Green received the American Defense Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged in 1945.

Madam Speaker, there have been many honors and recognitions bestowed upon the pilots known as the Tuskegee Airmen. However, the crews that supplied and serviced these pilots and their aircraft have gone unnoticed by comparison. I want to take this opportunity to thank Corporal Leslie Green and all of his fellow crew members. Our country owes them a debt of gratitude for their role in the remarkable success of the Tuskegee Airmen.

However, his military service is not the only extraordinary aspect of Leslie Green's life. Upon his discharge from the Army, Mr. Green joined his brother in Detroit, Michigan where they opened the first barber school in the city. Mr. Green served as an instructor and helped operate this successful business until 1985. In 1991, he returned to his roots in East Point, Georgia.

Yet Mr. Green knew he wanted to accomplish even more in his life. During most of his adulthood, he had been overweight. His weight led to diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and arthritis. Mr. Green knew he had to get his weight under control to improve his quality of life. He changed his diet and started working out in the fitness center. Over time, he was able to lose seventy pounds, wean himself off insulin, and reduce his other medications. Today he exercises in the fitness center nearly every day serving as a positive example at ninety years old to those much younger. He is an ambassador for healthy living and a motivator for countless people in his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Leslie Green's lifetime of achievement. This ordinary man has spent his life doing extraordinary things. He is a war hero, an entrepreneur, and a role model for healthy living. Mr. Green has never met a challenge he wasn't willing to take on wholeheartedly. Through hard work and dedication, he has succeeded time and again. He is a testament to American dedication and ingenuity. I applaud Mr. Leslie Green, and wish him a belated happy 90th birthday.

HONORING LORI WEINSTEIN AS AN ANGEL IN ADOPTION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Lori Weinstein as a 2009 Angel in Adoption for her exceptional work in Montgomery County, Maryland's

Health and Human Services Department. Lori has served as a social worker in Montgomery County Child Welfare for 21 years and has been involved in Adoption Services since 1991. She has been instrumental in finding permanent loving homes for more than 160 children.

Lori is a tireless advocate on behalf of the children with whom she works. She ensures that the clinical needs of her children are met and she works with families to resolve difficulties that arise during the adoption process. Indeed, she is known for her adept handling of conflicts that arise from cultural differences. Thanks to her exceptional skills and professionalism, many families have specifically requested Lori's assistance in the adoption process.

Lori is also dedicated to finding ways to improve the systems for handling adoption cases. For example, she developed a database system that better facilitates adoptions by carefully tracking milestones. Lori is known as a respected leader by her colleagues and others working on adoptions in Montgomery County.

Lori's compassion, determination and commitment to her important work have made her a true Angel to countless children and families. I am pleased to name Lori Weinstein a 2009 Angel in Adoption.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING SHANNON McCOMB FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Shannon McComb showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Shannon McComb was a supportive coach; and

Whereas, Shannon McComb always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Shannon McComb on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was unavoidably absent and unable to vote on rollcall votes 740, 741, and 742. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Nos. 741 and 742, and "nay" on No. 740.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, yesterday evening, I was unfortunately detained and missed the recorded vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 905, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 740.

HONORING THE HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SISTERS IN THE UNITED STATES

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution to honor the historical contributions of Catholic sisters in the United States.

In 1727, nine Ursuline Sisters from France arrived in New Orleans to live and work. Since then, Catholic sisters have contributed to the vitality of this country through their dedication to education, health, and social justice. Today the approximately 59,000 Catholic sisters in the U.S. continue to educate our youth, nurse the sick, and serve the most vulnerable in our society.

Catholic sisters have provided a well-rounded education to millions of students across the U.S. They established the nation's largest private school system and founded more than 110 colleges and universities. Attending an all day Catholic kindergarten gave me a strong start in my own education. Later, I attended the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, now St. Catherine's University. It was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1905 and for more than 100 years has educated students of diverse ages and backgrounds in a tradition of the liberal arts and social justice. At St. Catherine's, I had the opportunity to student teach at St. Luke's Catholic School in St. Paul and worked with educators who enriched students' lives through academics and spiritual development.

As the United States expanded westward, Catholic sisters not only built schools but also established hospitals and other charitable organizations. St. Paul is home to Minnesota's first hospital—St. Joseph's. It was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1853 in response to the cholera epidemic afflicting the Minnesota territory. My two children were born at St. Joseph's and to this day this hospital provides quality care to the people of Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District.

It is with gratitude for their commitment and efforts that I rise to thank Catholic sisters for their valuable contributions to our nation.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MIKE SMITH FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Mike Smith showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Mike Smith was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Mike Smith always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Mike Smith on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 740 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 905), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 741 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 16), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 742 (on motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2997).

A TRIBUTE TO SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINT COMPANY IN GARLAND

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional group of people at a superb company, Sherwin-Williams, in Garland, Texas.

This summer Sherwin-Williams in Garland marked two special-milestones—50 years of service and their historic 1 billionth gallon of paint produced at the nation's largest paint plant.

Founded in 1958, the plant opened with a production starting at 4 million gallons of paint a year. The company has grown to produce, on average, 20 million gallons a year. That translates to roughly 125 gallons per minute, 7,500 per hour, or 180,000 per day. The Garland plant now boasts 235 associates who work three shifts seven days a week.

With 1 billion gallons and a 4-inch paint brush you could: circle the earth 9,200 times; make 480 round trips of the moon; travel to Mars and back three times; cover Maryland and Delaware; paint the Golden Gate Bridge

21,000 times; paint the Empire State Building 72,000 times; paint the length of the Great Wall of China 2,400 times; or fill the Houston Astrodome 53 times.

Founded in 1866, the Sherwin-Williams Company is a global leader in the manufacture, development, distribution, and sale of

coatings and related products to professional industrial commercial and retail customers. The company manufactures products under well-known brands such as Sherwin-Williams®, Dutch Boy®, Krylon®, Minwax®, Thompson's® Water Seal®, and many more.

The folks at Sherwin-Williams Garland have achieved great things for their community, their industry and their company. Thank you and congratulations on your remarkable achievements. For your landmark milestones, I salute you.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
 Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
OCTOBER 2

9:30 a.m.
 Joint Economic Committee
 To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for September 2009.
 SD-106

OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m.
 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine minimizing potential threats from Iran, focusing on administration perspectives on economic sanctions and other United States policy options.
 SD-538

10 a.m.
 Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings to examine Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, adopted at The Hague on November 23, 2007, and signed by the United States on that same date (Treaty Doc.110-21).
 SD-419

Judiciary
 Human Rights and the Law Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine accountability for human rights violators.
 SD-226

Small Business and Entrepreneurship
 To hold hearings to examine the Recovery Act for small businesses, focusing on what is working and what comes next.
 SR-485

2 p.m.
 Judiciary
 Constitution Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the history and legality of executive branch "czars".
 SD-226

2:30 p.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine promoting export success for small and medium-sized businesses.
 SR-253

Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings to examine Al-Qaeda, focusing on Afghanistan.
 SD-419

OCTOBER 7

10 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Communications and Technology Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004.
 SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Business meeting to consider the nominations of M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor, Lorelei Boylan, of New York, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Joseph A. Main, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, and William E. Spriggs, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, all of the Department of Labor, and Regina M. Benjamin, of Alabama, to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, and any pending nominations.
 SD-430

Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine workplace fairness.
 SD-226

2:30 p.m.
 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine securitization of assets, focusing on problems and solutions.
 SD-538

4 p.m.
 Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Laurie O. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be a

Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.
 SD-226

OCTOBER 8

9:30 a.m.
 Veterans' Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense and Veterans' Affairs response to certain military exposures.
 SD-562

10 a.m.
 Finance
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jim R. Esquea, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary, and Bryan Hayes Samuels, of Illinois, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.
 SD-215

2:30 p.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine S. 522, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 865 and H.R. 1442, bills to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909, S. 881, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 940, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, S. 1272, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and S. 1689, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico.
 SD-366

OCTOBER 21

9:30 a.m.
 Veterans' Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine pending legislation.
 SR-418