

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING NEW FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas.

The church's theme for its 100th year is "revitalization." Founded in 1910, the congregation of New Friendship has faithfully marched on through World War I, a 1928 fire, the Great Depression, World War II, desegregation, and a long list of other historic events that many other institutions did not survive. This congregation has been under the leadership of a host of the country's foremost preachers. Through their leadership, New Friendship has built and completely paid off two mortgages while always keeping their pledge to be debt free.

Fifteen founding members organized the church in the home of their first pastor. The congregation grew from this small but dedicated group to a congregation of 200 by 1953 to 500 in 1979 and to today's active membership. Under the leadership of the current pastor, Reverend Johnny A. McGee, who has been with the church since 1988, New Friendship has implemented important ministries serving the community, couples, and prison inmates, as well as providing food and bus services for those in need.

The church pastors, deacons, associate ministers and the active members have created a strong foundation of love and faith for this church to stand. I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating and celebrating the 100th anniversary of New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

### RECOGNIZING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE U.S. BORDER PA- TROL AND NASA ASTRONAUT DR. JOHN "DANNY" OLIVAS

#### HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, this week I was honored to participate in a very special ceremony that became a part of the proud history of the United States Border Patrol. I had the privilege of joining Dr. John "Danny" Olivas, one of NASA's great astronauts, in my congressional district to unveil a special U.S. Border Patrol flag that traveled with the crew of STS-128 to the International Space Station in August of last year.

Before his mission to the International Space Station, Dr. Olivas approached me and generously offered to fly an item with him and

his fellow crewmates into space. We felt that flying the banner of the Border Patrol would be a wonderful symbol to represent our nation's appreciation for the agency's outstanding professionals of the past, present, and future.

The flag was flown 85 years after the U.S. Border Patrol was founded in 1924. As a fledgling agency, the Border Patrol had only a handful of agents who patrolled America's vast borders on horseback. Today, the agency boasts approximately 20,000 men and women who work to keep our nation secure at 20 sectors throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Dr. Danny Olivas and the crew of STS-128 traveled a total of 5.7 million miles during their mission, at speeds as high of 17,000 mph. Aboard this special journey was the banner of the United States Border Patrol.

On January 26, I joined Dr. Olivas and Acting U.S. Border Patrol Chief Michael Fisher at the National Border Patrol Museum in El Paso, Texas, where the flag will be on permanent display. Dozens of agents, students, and community members were present to view the newest and most traveled exhibit in the museum's collection.

At the event, Dr. Olivas told students that there are many ways to serve our great country, being a Border Patrol agent, a soldier, or an astronaut are but a few examples. He said, "It takes everybody taking their own passions and putting through efforts to make our country what it is." I couldn't agree more.

He encouraged students to follow their dreams and told them that he is living proof that everyone can achieve their dreams if they have the desire to do so. Danny claims that as a student, he wasn't the smartest, the most athletic, or the most talented; he was just your average kid. With the love and support from his parents and a strong interest in machines and outer space, Danny worked hard to fulfill his dream of one day becoming an astronaut.

As a 26½ year veteran of the United States Border Patrol and former Sector Chief, I truly appreciate Dr. Olivas' efforts to recognize the men and women of the Border Patrol who work hard to protect our nation and to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

I appreciate for his support of the Border Patrol, Dr. Olivas was designated as an honorary agent by Acting Deputy Customs and Border Protection Commissioner David Aguilar and was presented with a Border Patrol flag that was flown at all Border Patrol Sectors in the United States and signed by each of the Sector Chiefs. This honorary distinction has been awarded to only a handful of individuals in Border Patrol history, and I congratulate Dr. Olivas on this honor.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, on rollcall number 17, 18, and 19 I was unavoidably detained due to flight complications from Billings, MT to Washington, DC.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 17, "yea" on rollcall 18, and "yea" on rollcall 19.

### HONORING COACH TOM DANLEY OF THE ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Tom Danley who recently retired after a 42-year career with the Anaheim Union High School District.

During that time, Coach Danley bettered the lives of thousands of students who knew him simply as "Coach," and earned scores of honors for his service to students and the community.

He coached varsity basketball at Katella High School for 33 years—and his teams went to the California Interscholastic Federation playoffs in 31 of those 33 years.

Coach Danley was named "Winningest Basketball Coach in Orange County," and was honored for his lifetime coaching achievements by being inducted in the Southern California Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and the CIF Hall of Fame.

After his coaching career concluded, Coach Danley went on to establish a non-profit foundation that promotes after-school sports and activities for local youth.

Thousands of young people have benefited, and will continue to benefit, from the foundation's work, and from Coach Danley's philosophy that "Kids Come First."

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Coach Danley.

### TRIBUTE TO TOM KALKOFEN

#### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader in the field of public health, Tom Kalkofen, who has been instrumental in water quality, pollution reduction, and individualized healthcare initiatives in Macomb County.

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