

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF WALTER
SHORENSTEIN'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Walter Shorenstein—a prominent San Franciscan, a great American and a dear friend. He is a man of extraordinary vision and leadership, of generosity and wise counsel. And today, it is my distinct honor and privilege to mark his 95th birthday on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Along with his late wife, Phyllis, Walter used the tools of philanthropy and civic activism to build a better San Francisco. Their gifts to the Bay Area's academic and cultural institutions have been an example to all who wish to leave a mark on our city's future. Their willingness to give—to donate their time, hospitality, and passion to others—has touched and influenced many lives.

One of San Francisco's most distinguished business leaders, Walter Shorenstein is a true pioneer, a visionary who helped shape our city's magnificent skyline and who worked to make San Francisco into the global economic and commercial center it is today. His leadership has been recognized by presidents and other world leaders, as well as the people of San Francisco.

After serving in World War II, Walter arrived in San Francisco in 1946 and began work in commercial real estate with the brokerage firm Milton Meyer & Company. By 1960, he had become President and sole owner of Milton Meyer, renamed it the Shorenstein Company, and transformed it into the largest owner and operator of commercial real estate in San Francisco and one of the largest privately owned real estate firms in the nation.

As firm believers in the power and promise of a strong education—and in memory of their beloved daughter Joan—Walter and Phyllis founded the Joan Shorenstein Center on Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He also sponsors the Shorenstein Initiative at Stanford University's Asia/Pacific Research Center, as well as programs at UC Berkeley's Institute of East Asian Studies. He is the single largest donor in the U.S. to the United Way.

For Giants fans, Walter was a leader in keeping our beloved baseball team in San Francisco, galvanizing investors, local businesses, and the team's faithful fans to take action and preserve our national pastime in our city.

Walter and Phyllis proudly and lovingly raised three children: Joan, Carole and Doug. Doug Shorenstein became Chairman and CEO of the Shorenstein Company in 1995. Carole Shorenstein Hays is a Tony Award-winning Broadway producer and President of SHN, a theatrical entertainment company in San Francisco. Joan, a political journalist and producer at CBS News, died in 1985.

I join Walter's children Doug and Carole, his grandchildren Brandon, Sandra, Danielle, Wally, and Grace, and family, friends and colleagues in wishing Walter a happy 95th birthday.

RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY
MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join my distinguished colleague AL GREEN in co-sponsoring H. Res. 1046, which recognizes the significance of Black History Month.

This year, Black History Month marks Abraham Lincoln's 201st birthday, as well as our nation's first anniversary of the inauguration of an African-American president. This remarkable fact truly shows the capacity of our society to transform. Since 1926, February has been dedicated to giving Americans of every ethnicity and race the opportunity to reflect on the struggles of the past and look forward to an even brighter future as we continue working to ensure equality for all Americans. Black History Month is also a reminder that there will still be challenges ahead, and we must stay united as freedom-loving Americans to overcome them.

One sign of this progress is the United States Department of Agriculture's recent announcement of a settlement in the Pigford Case—a lawsuit brought by plaintiffs who were black farmers who sued for compensation for the harm they suffered as a result of unlawful actions of USDA government agents regarding loan applications.

Many African-Americans still struggle with disparities in their workplace, in their educational opportunities, and in their health care. We still have a long way to go before the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his brethren in the Civil Rights Movement becomes a reality. Let us reeducate ourselves this year as we do every February, to making our country a better, fairer, and kinder place for all Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on roll-call No. 19 I was unable to vote because my arrival in Washington from Iowa was delayed by severe winter weather.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

SUPPORTING THE HAWAII FESTIVAL OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Hawaii Festival of Religious Freedom.

This festival, which shared with the community many presentations on religious liberty by experts from various faiths, aimed to build public awareness and support for religious liberty; bring civic, political, and faith leaders together to foster greater mutual understanding, respect, and cooperation; and promote the aloha spirit of religious freedom internationally.

In anticipation of the festival, the Hawaii State Legislature proposed legislation including H.R. No. 74 and H.C.R. No. 92 to recognize July as Religious Freedom Month in Hawaii.

Organized by Alan Reinach, held by the Hawaii Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, and cosponsored by Liberty Magazine, North American Religious Liberty Association, and the International Religious Liberty Association, I would like to commend Earl Stuckey, Jr., Hawaii Conference President of the Hawaii Festival of Religious Freedom, for his great work to coordinate the festival's musical program. In "orchestrating" this festival, I am pleased to know that people of all religious faiths gathered in Hawaii to share their inspiration and music, individually and collectively. It reflects the Aloha State's reputation as the "melting pot of the Pacific."

HONORING MR. MICHAEL DOVE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Michael Dove. Mr. Dove served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Carroll Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter, but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Dove served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Dove is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to him today.

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IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN DANIEL P.
MACK

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor a man who has dedicated his life to courageous and exemplary service to our Nation, Captain Daniel P. Mack of the United States Navy.

Through his 27-year career, Captain Mack consistently demonstrated his dedication, diligence, and commitment to our great Nation. The son of John Francis Mack, a World War II veteran, and Helen Marie Conboy Mack, he was born February 18, 1960. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1982. After being commissioned, Captain Mack attended Nuclear Power School and Naval Submarine School and reported aboard the USS *John Adams*. After completing six deterrent patrols over a period of three years, he joined the staff of the Naval Academy, serving as 24th Company Officer and Executive Assistant to the Commandant of Midshipmen. In 1990, he reported to the USS *Puffer*, which completed Pacific and Arctic patrols during his time aboard, and he was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

In 1995, Captain Mack graduated with the highest distinction from the College of Command and Staff at the Naval War College. After earning his Master's Degree in International Relations and National Security Affairs, he was assigned to Executive Officer duty aboard the USS *Phoenix*. He completed *Phoenix's* final deployment, during which she earned the 1996 Fleet Silver Anchor Award and a Meritorious Unit Commendation. Captain Mack then returned to the Naval Submarine School, where he served as Prospective Executive Officer instructor.

In January 2000, Captain Mack assumed command of USS *Houston*. Under his guidance, the boat earned the CINCPACFLT Retention Award, for outstanding personnel development and the highest retention rate in the Pacific.

After completing his tour as Commanding Officer, Captain Mack served as Deputy Commander of Submarine Squadron 11. He then served on the Joint Staff in the Strategic Plans and Policy Division. Captain Mack also served as Nuclear Policy Division Chief and as the Nuclear Weapons Council advisor to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He also reported to the Navy Staff where he held several vital positions.

In 2007, Captain Mack assumed command of Submarine Squadrons Sixteen and Twenty where he oversaw the development and training of sixteen separate submarine crews.

Even by the military's high standards, Captain Mack's record of achievement stands out. His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, awarded for "superior meritorious service in a position of significant responsibility", the Legion of Merit, awarded for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services," as well as multiple awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

While the Navy is losing one of its finest officers after his retirement this month, Captain

Mack's legacy will continue to benefit the United States Navy for years to come. Whether as a Company Officer at the Naval Academy, Prospective Executive Officer instructor at Naval Submarine School, or as Commander of Submarine Squadrons Sixteen and Twenty, Captain Mack's career has deeply and positively affected the lives of countless Shipmates—improving their futures as Sailors and citizens.

I salute his committed service to our Nation. Moreover, I wish him and his three magnificent children Maggie, Daniel and Timothy great happiness as they embark on this new chapter in their lives. I am certain that Captain Mack will remain successful and productive in every future endeavor.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RICHMOND BRANCH OF THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Richmond Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia on its momentous 100th Anniversary. The Richmond Branch is located in the Port Richmond section of Northeast Philadelphia which was once home to the busiest port along the Atlantic seaboard.

While the Richmond Library officially opened on March 15, 1910, the library's inception dates back to 1897 when a "Traveling Library" that was open two nights each week was established in a flour and feed store located in the heart of the Port Richmond neighborhood. In that same year a group of Protestant ministers rallied the community to establish a neighborhood library which featured expanded hours. The library was moved to the Mutual Hall Association at Richmond Street and Neff Street, which is now Indiana Avenue. This neighborhood library was named the Port Richmond Branch and housed 3000 books.

In 1908, the cornerstone of the current branch was laid through the generosity of both Andrew Carnegie, who endowed the Free Library of Philadelphia with a financial gift to construct library buildings, and Anne W. Penfield, who was considered the wealthiest woman in America at the time, who donated the land at 2987 Almond Street for the library. The building was renovated in 1994 as part of the city's "Changing Lives" campaign, which brought Internet service to this library as well as other libraries across Philadelphia.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the Richmond Library's 100th anniversary milestone and wish the friends, staff, and patrons many more years of community enrichment and service.

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SPEECH OF

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise

to celebrate Black History Month and its 2010 theme—The History of Black Economic Empowerment. With the current economic struggles facing our nation, it is fitting that this year's theme focuses on honoring those individuals and organizations that have had an immense impact on society during our most difficult times. Throughout our nation's history, time and time again, African American communities have found strength and purpose in coming together to rise above unfortunate circumstances, and I rise today to pay tribute to those who have demonstrated such remarkable leadership.

The theme for this year's Black History Month, The History of Black Economic Empowerment, is a reminder that in striving for a greater society, we must examine the past. Few organizations can match the impact that the National Urban League has had on promoting economic empowerment in our nation's urban communities. The National Urban League has been a cornerstone of communities across America in carrying out its mission, to enable African Americans to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights. As the National Urban League celebrates a remarkable milestone, its 100th anniversary, we take this time to remember the outstanding contributions of those visionaries who sought to bring about hope during the bleakest of times and to recognize those who have carried on their work.

As the Representative for the First Congressional District of Indiana, I have had the pleasure of representing the Urban League of Northwest Indiana and the honor of knowing one of the organization's most influential members, Ms. Eloise Gentry. Ms. Gentry passed away on August 20, 2009, after leading the Urban League of Northwest Indiana for more than thirty years. While Ms. Gentry is missed by all of Northwest Indiana, the impact she has had on her community, not only as the president and chief executive officer of the Urban League but also as an educator in the Gary Community School Corporation and in her many other community service undertakings, will continue to resonate for generations to come. As an educator, activist, and community leader, Ms. Gentry has touched thousands of lives.

As her obituary read, "First and foremost, Eloise Gentry was an EDUCATOR." I cannot think of a more fitting one-word description. From those she taught in the classroom to those she worked closely with at the Urban League to those whose lives she improved through her work, everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Gentry learned from her, if not by her words then by her example.

While we have lost a pillar of our community, Eloise Gentry's lasting impression and the efforts of the Urban League of Northwest Indiana continue on today. Under the leadership of newly appointed president and chief executive officer, Vanessa Allen, the Urban League of Northwest Indiana, along with the more than one hundred local affiliates across America, continues to strive to provide economic empowerment and educational opportunities for African Americans while seeking to ensure their civil rights.

It is the efforts of organizations like the National Urban League and its affiliates that allow us to reflect on what makes the United States of America so special. While the United States is made up of people from so many different racial, religious, social, and ideological