

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER, IOWA

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city and residents of Alexander, Iowa on the occasion of the celebration of the city's Quasquicentennial during the weekend of June 18, 19 and 20, 2010. Alexander is located in North Central Iowa and is home to approximately 165 people.

The expansion of the Central Railroad of Iowa through Scott Township in Franklin County was a significant development that began the storied history of Alexander, Iowa. In 1885, the town began with the completion of the Alexander station and Alexander was platted by F.E. Carter.

Before Harvey Yaw donated the lot for the first schoolhouse in Alexander in 1882, children went to school in old country schoolhouses, one in every two-mile section. Alexander developed in the 1890's with a dry goods store, livery stable, drug store, hotel, harness shop, pool hall, blacksmith shop, grocery store and churches of various denominations. The community of Alexander survived and persevered through the tribulations of the blizzard of 1911 and 1912, a major fire on Main Street in 1920 and a disastrous tornado in 1925.

One hundred twenty-five years is a testament to a strong and united community that I am also proud to call my hometown. Alexander has continued to survive the test of time, and for this I offer the community of Alexander my congratulations. It is an honor to represent the citizens of Alexander and Mayor Arlen Olson in the United States Congress, and I know that all of my colleagues join me in wishing everyone a safe and successful celebration and an equally storied next 125 years.

HONORING MS. DEANNA WHEELER

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Ms. Deanna Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler served her constituency faithfully and justly during her tenure as the Ellery Town Assessor.

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. Ms. Wheeler served her term with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way. I have no doubt that her 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. Ms. Wheeler is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to her today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I missed rollcall Vote Nos. 355–357 on June 14, 2010, and rollcall Vote Nos. 358–364 on June 15, 2010.

If present, I would have voted:

Rollcall Vote No. 355, Supporting the goals of National Dairy Month, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 356, Expressing support for designation of June 20, 2010, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 357, To amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 358, Honoring Dr. Larry Case on his retirement as National FFA Advisor, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 359, Providing for consideration of H.R. 5486, the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act; and providing for consideration of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 360, Work-Life Balance Award Act, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 361, Recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 362, On Motion to Recommend with Instructions the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act of 2010, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 363, On Final Passage of the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act of 2010, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 364, Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program and recognizing the significant contributions of Albert Einstein Fellows, "aye."

CONGRATULATING J.M. WALLER ASSOCIATES INC. FOR BEING NAMED SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize J.M. Waller Asso-

ciates, Inc. of Fairfax, Va., for receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration's Washington Metro Area District Small Business Person of the Year Award for 2010.

J.M. Waller Associates is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business that provides environmental, engineering, logistics, technical, management and professional consulting services to public and private sector clients. At the federal level, it works with our Armed Services, the National Parks Service and NASA.

Founded in 1991, the firm has won numerous accolades for its consistently fine work, including receiving the 2004 Washington D.C. Small Business Administration Small Business Firm of the Year Award, the 2007 Department of Defense Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Achievement Award and the 2009 SAME Industry Award to a Small Business in Support of DoD Programs.

Among the criteria for the Small Business Person of the Year Award are a company's staying power, increase in sales, innovation, response to adversity, and contribution to aid community-oriented projects. Throughout its 19 years, J.M. Waller Associates has consistently demonstrated its economic success and its commitment to the Northern Virginia region.

Small businesses represent the job engine of the U.S. economy, and the continued success of businesses such as J.M. Waller Associates is vital to the future of American progress. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating J.M. Waller Associates for receiving the SBA's Small Business Person of the Year Award for 2010.

CARLOS CAN! IN HONOR OF A REAL AMERICAN HERO: SGT. CARLOS RAFAEL EVANS TORO OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 1ST BATTALION 2ND MARINE

**HON. PEDRO R. PIERLUISI**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. PIERLUISI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a magnificent Puerto Rican Hero, Sgt. Carlos Rafael Evans Toro of The United States Marines, 1st Battalion 2nd Marine of Fajardo, Puerto Rico. Carlos was born on October 17, 1979, along with his twin sister Carla. He is married to his lovely wife Rosemarie and they have two children, Noroby and new born Genesis. Sgt. Evans had served three tours in Iraq, and was on his first tour of duty in Afghanistan in Salam Baezar when an IED went off during a foot patrol on May 16 2010. Losing his legs and part of his arm, he somehow held on to fight his next battle. To walk again, and he will! His courage his faith, and his character is an inspiration to us all. And with his family's help, the key to all great recoveries, this mountain they will climb together! I ask that this poem penned in honor

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