

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

S. PRESTON WILLIAMS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Mr. S. Preston Williams of North Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Williams has been awarded the Alexander Doniphan Community Service Award for carrying on Doniphan's legacy through a lifetime of service in the areas of military, law, conservation, and community involvement.

Mr. Williams proudly served our country in the United States Marine Corps during World War I. He served with the 3rd Marine Division in the South Pacific, seeing action in Bougainville, Guadalcanal, and Guam. Following his return to the United States, Mr. Williams continued to serve his country as an instructor at Camp Pendleton. He was released from service in December of 1945.

Mr. Williams is a distinguished leader in the legal profession. He is a former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Clay County and served as Assistant Attorney General under Missouri Governor John Dalton. He strongly supports the development of the legal profession through his membership in several Bar Associations. In 1998, he served as president of the Clay County Bar and in 1999, he was honored as Dean of the Bar by the Missouri Bar Association.

Mr. Williams is also involved in the conservation of wildlife. He is an avid member of Ducks Unlimited and served in leadership roles from 1979 until 1986. In February of this year, Ducks Unlimited named Mr. Williams the first recipient of the S. Preston Williams Conservation Award.

Mr. Williams is a strong figure in his local community. He has served as councilman in North Kansas City and has been president of the North Kansas City Historical Society. He received the North Kansas City High School Alumni Hall of Fame award in 2004. He has also served as a member of the Mayor's Corps of Progress and the Law Alumni Board of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Mr. S. Preston Williams for his selfless acts of generosity through volunteerism. I know Mr. Williams's colleagues, family, and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20th anniversary of the Affordable Housing Program created by the Federal Home Loan Bank.

Since it was chartered by Congress in 1932, the Federal Home Loan Bank has become the largest source of mortgage lending in the United States. This venerable institution has invested billions of dollars in communities across our nation. These investments have resulted in the development of over 650,000 housing units and the creation of 78,000 construction jobs, lending additional economic security to our local communities. The sound practices of the Federal Home Loan Bank have made affordable housing, small business lending, foreclosure prevention, and financial literacy possible by maximizing the capacity of our community-based banks to serve their neighborhoods.

Twenty years ago, the Federal Home Loan Bank established the Affordable Housing Program in order to increase the availability of mortgages and home finance to families of all income levels. This laudable goal is being achieved by the Bank setting aside 10% of its own private earnings to support the creation and preservation of housing for lower income families and individuals. This outstanding program has helped countless people achieve the dream of homeownership. It has also enabled countless others to secure high quality, safe and affordable rental units.

Under the guidance of President and CEO Alfred DelliBovi since 1992, the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York has helped community lenders throughout New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands advance housing and community growth. This regional bank's Affordable Housing Program has supported more than 1,200 projects with grants totaling more than \$350 million. This has resulted in the creation of more than 50,000 units of affordable housing and the generation of \$6 billion in total development costs. This year the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, announced that they have awarded \$29.7 million in subsidies to fund 54 affordable housing initiatives throughout the region.

Today I stand to thank Mr. DelliBovi and the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York for their investments into our communities, to congratulate them on the success of the program, and to offer my encouragement for them to continue with this outstanding initiative.

HONORING ANN SILBERFEIN ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable life of Ann Permut Silberfein as she approaches the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Ann Permut Silberfein was born of immigrant parents; Rose Sachawetsky of Russia and Nathan Permut of Kiev on September 25, 1910. Her parents came to America as children with their parents to escape the religious persecution that was, unfortunately, so common in Europe during the early 20th century. Rose and Nathan met in America at a very young age, were married, and eventually started their own business: a curtain and linen store at 670 Manhattan Avenue in Brooklyn. They knew that owning their own business would not have been possible in Europe and they embraced and achieved the American dream.

Rose and Nathan's children helped out in the family store when they were young. As customers checked out, young Ann Permut would write down the price of each item on a brown paper bag and would add the columns in her head. Her years of calculating customers' tabs in her head put her ahead of her classmates and Ann, graduated from high school at 16 years of age. Ann attended college and graduated from Jamaica Training School for Teachers.

Ann later met her husband, George Silberfein. After a wonderful courtship, they were married on June 24, 1934. They lived on Linden Boulevard in Brooklyn and moved to Ridgefield Highlands until 1939, when they moved to Huntington, New York. They spent many years as members of Cold Spring Country Club, where Ann won many golf tournaments. In May 1979, Ann and George moved to Hillcrest, Florida.

Ann and George were married for 61 happy years until George passed away in 1995. They gave their children, Judy and Manny, Michael and Jane, and Stephen and Linda, a love for America and a drive to give back to the country that had done so much for their family. Their children all went on to college and gave Ann and George nine grandchildren, Steve and Bonnie, Sue, Richie and Carol, Andy and Amy, Jimmy and Diane, Jeffrey, Adam, Scott and Joey, and Jason and Paige.

Ann still resides in Hillcrest and leads an active life with her friends and family. As Ann prepares to celebrate her 100th birthday in September, she rejoices in the warmth of her children, her grandchildren, and her 11 great grandchildren: Emily, Jackie, Josh, Rebecca, Tori, Jill, Matthew, Ryan, Mattie, Brady, and Reese.

Madam Speaker, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, I ask my colleagues in the

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