

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING FATHER DAN COUGHLIN

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I submit this statement on behalf of Albert Caswell, in honor of Father Dan Coughlin.

A MAN OF GRACE

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A man . . .
A man of grace . . .
Our Lord, upon this place . . .
Had so placed . . .
As a true reflection of his face . . .
All in this temple of democracy's faith . . .
This shrine our forefathers had so embraced . . .
For America was founded on such faith . . .
For no other experiment has since so been raised . . .
For Father Dan, you were a pioneer . . .
As America's first Catholic Chaplin so here . . .
To so spread the word, upon each and every morning heard . . .
To counsel and to inspire . . .
Lifting hearts higher . . .
All for our nation's leaders, you never tired . . .
As an instrument of our Lord's heart . . .
Oh how your faith, has so done its part . . .
To bring a Congress through such storms and the dark . . .
All but with, the light of your fine heart . . .
And our Lord's word, casting out the dark . . .
And Father we will miss your kind warm face . . .
And your inspiring call to God, on each new day . . .
And your warm heart, filled with such grace . . .
Forever, in our hearts you shall hold a place . . .
For your blessings bestowed upon us all . . .
Answering our Lord's, call to faith . . .
For such people, Heaven so holds a place . . .
For such men of grace . . .
In honor of Father Dan, and all of the hearts you have touched over the years . . .
Bless you—Albert Carey Caswell.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS ON THE OCCASION OF THE CITY'S 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2011

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Bell Gardens and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating its 42,000 residents on the city's 50th Anniversary. I am proud to represent this

growing city—aptly characterized by its motto "A City that Works"—as part of my 34th Congressional District of California.

While we honor the city's 50 years of official incorporation, its intriguing history dates back to the late 18th century when a Spanish soldier, Antonio Lugo, received a land grant that included the present-day Bell Gardens. Today's residents need only stroll down to 7000 Gage Avenue to admire one of Lugo's homes. Built about 1810, Casa de San Antonio, also known as the Gage Mansion, is California Historical Landmark number 984 and holds claim to being the oldest standing building in Los Angeles County.

The "Gage" Mansion is named after another notable Bell Gardens resident. A lawyer who married one of Lugo's great, great granddaughters, Henry T. Gage served as California's 29th Governor from 1898–1903. After Gage acquired and occupied the mansion, he worked extensively to restore the Los Angeles farmhouse and its magnificent early architectural designs.

Boasting some of the richest agricultural land in the country, Bell Gardens remained a farming community until the 1930s. During the Depression era, when farming became less profitable, the character of the community began to change as developers bought up the land to build affordable housing for struggling families.

During World War I and World War II, area defense plants spurred local growth and economic prosperity throughout the community. Attracted by the defense jobs, families moved to Bell Gardens, leading to the construction of new homes, more schools, and a prosperous business climate.

Today, Bell Gardens continues to be a dynamic and hardworking community. The city prides itself on its beautiful parks, emerald green soccer fields, childcare centers, a sparkling lake stocked with fish and waterfowl, and a community golf course.

The state-of-the-art renovation of John Anson Ford Park to include the Bell Gardens Sports Center is one of the city's crowning achievements. The multi-million-dollar facility is open to the community for soccer, baseball, tennis, golf and other sports. The city also entered into an agreement with the professional soccer organization Chivas Regal USA, which uses the complex as a practice facility.

The city's successful efforts to revitalize Downtown Bell Gardens is also a great source of pride for the community. Families now have many more retail and entertainment options. Completed in April 2004, Los Jardines Shopping Center replaced a blighted, underused commercial block with a vibrant, village-like, attractively landscaped shopping center that provides a pedestrian-friendly environment for the community. In addition, the shopping center houses nationally recognized merchants to serve the city's growing but largely underserved Latino community. Los Jardines is located within the city's bustling Central City Re-

development Project Area, adjacent to the popular Bicycle Casino, one of the most successful card clubs in Los Angeles County, the Marketplace shopping center, and the Village Square Shopping Center.

Affordable housing for the city's residents is also a priority. Housing communities ushered in by the city such as Las Casas de Bell Gardens, Clara Vista Housing Development, and the City of Bell Gardens Senior Housing and Community Center offer families and seniors affordable, comfortable and attractive units to call home. Addressing the need for additional affordable housing for seniors, the city developed Park View Terrace which provides 75 affordable units to seniors. The city is currently undertaking another affordable housing development project, Terra Bella Senior Housing Center, which is planned to start construction in the fall of 2011. It will provide 65 affordable units for seniors. These developments clearly represent the city's strong commitment to providing quality programs and services to the residents of the Bell Gardens community.

Mr. Speaker, as the city commemorates its 50th Anniversary with a free weekend celebration April 22–24 that includes carnival rides, food vendors, business booths, live entertainment and the Miss Bell Gardens Pageant, I ask my colleagues to please join me in commending this "city that works" on its historic milestone, and in extending our best wishes for many more years of progress ahead.

TED SMITH TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ted Smith, of Trinidad Colorado. Mr. Smith recently taught at the Trinidad State Junior College, where he established the now famous aquaculture program. He is moving on to the Native Aquatic Species Restoration Facility in Alamosa, Colorado, and will surely bring the same culture of excellence and success.

During his tenure with the Junior College, Mr. Smith mentored a number of students who have graduated to various wildlife jobs. Indeed, the Colorado Division of Wildlife currently employs many of his former students.

Mr. Smith's new job with the NASRF allows him to expand his oversight of Colorado aquatic life. The Facility houses 14 endangered species and is one of the foremost organizations for aquatic research.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Ted Smith today. There is no doubt his success with Trinidad State Junior College will translate to the NASRF. His past and future contributions to Colorado's environmental research are immeasurable and he will continue his conservation efforts of wildlife across the state.

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SEVERE WEATHER TRAGEDY IN
TUSHKA, OKLAHOMA**HON. DAN BOREN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2011

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon with a heavy heart.

Last night, powerful storms ripped through my district and the State of Oklahoma killing multiple people and causing millions of dollars in damage.

According to the National Weather Service, yesterday at 8:16 pm Oklahoma time, a tornado touched down near the town of Tushka, Oklahoma in Pushmataha County, killing at least two of my constituents and causing millions of dollars in damage.

This is a terrible tragedy.

Oklahomans are well aware of the threat they face every year from severe weather.

But this tragedy and these types of storms are never easy for anyone to bear.

In fact, the damage caused by yesterday's storm is very personal to me.

During my time representing eastern Oklahoma in the House of Representatives, I have visited the school in Tushka that has been destroyed by this storm.

Tushka is a small rural town in Southeastern Oklahoma.

A town much like many of the small communities each of us represent here in Congress.

The people of Tushka are a group of hard-working and resilient Oklahomans who will undoubtedly get through this tragedy.

But at this difficult moment, I want to pause and let the victims and families who are suffering because of these storms know that my wife Andrea and I are praying for them during this difficult hour.

RECOGNIZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF GINA L. BLEAN AND KELLY
A. HEYSINGER**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Dubuque business owners Gina L. Blean and Kelly A. Heysinger for winning the Small Business Administration's (SBA's) Iowa "Small Business Person of the Year" award. Gina and Kelly are co-owners of Unified Therapy Services, Inc. in Dubuque, Iowa.

Small businesses are the driving force behind our economy and I couldn't be prouder of this one. This prestigious award is only bestowed upon the nation's top entrepreneurs—and I'm glad to see the entrepreneurial spirit flourishing in eastern Iowa. We must continue to promote our small businesses and make sure that they can thrive and create new jobs.

In May, the SBA will honor Gina, Kelly, and other winners from across the country in Washington, DC, during National Small Business Week. The SBA will also select the "National Small Business Person of the Year" from the state "Small Business Persons of the Year." I will be rooting for them to win this prestigious national award.

FIRST LEGACY COMMUNITY
CREDIT UNION**HON. MELVIN L. WATT**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2011

Mr. WATT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a credit union located in my Congressional District, First Legacy Community Credit Union, on 70 years of service to its members. First Legacy, originally named School Workers Federal Credit Union, was founded in Charlotte, North Carolina, on February 14, 1941, by a group of educators in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. At its beginning, First Legacy offered a simple savings and loan program; today, it offers a broad range of financial services to its members. First Legacy Community Credit Union's continued dedication to serving the community, as well as efforts to increase financial literacy in North Carolina, is worthy of special recognition. I commend the work that First Legacy Community Credit Union continues to do and wish this outstanding community credit union another 70 years of success.

HONORING GOODWILL INDUSTRIES
OF MID-MICHIGAN**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan as they celebrate their 80th anniversary. A celebration will be held on April 29th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, to commemorate this milestone.

In 1931 the Oak Park Methodist Church established an agency to assist people with disabilities and Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan was born. The agency's heart is centered on serving the needs of persons facing a variety of barriers, including physical and mental disabilities, illiteracy, substance abuse, inadequate education, ex-felons, and welfare dependency. Headquartered in Flint, the agency currently serves clients in ten Mid-Michigan counties. With their ultimate goal of placing individuals in productive employment, Goodwill Industries has several Workforce Development programs, a retail division, and an e-commerce program. As a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) charity, the agency remains focused on their clients' future.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan for 80 years of successfully serving the community. The ten Mid-Michigan counties served by Goodwill Industries have benefited from the work, dedication and enthusiasm of their clients, staff, volunteers and supporters. I wish them the best and hope they continue their success for many, many years.

REX THORNE TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rex Thorne of Huntington, Indiana. Mr. Thorne was a war hero, an incredibly successful engineer and community leader in a life that touched people all over the United States.

Following high school, Mr. Thorne enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served on the USS *Heyliger* during World War II. Mr. Thorne's bravery and that of his fellow servicemen contributed to America's victory in the Pacific Theater.

After serving his country abroad, he returned to attend Purdue University. He graduated with a degree in chemical engineering and quickly joined the Union Camp paper company. During his tenure with the company, he advanced from working in the lab to his eventual position as Corporate Director for Environmental Affairs. His work took him across the country and gave others an opportunity to meet and work with him.

Mr. Thorne also lent much of his time to volunteer work for clubs, charities and non-profit organizations. He enjoyed fund raising and organizing events for many groups, most notably the Boy Scouts, the Safe Shelter Board and the Salvation Army. He was an active member of the Rotary Club Savannah West and the Skidaway Island United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday School for several years.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the life of Rex Thorne. From his service in World War II, his life as a businessman and his volunteer work, he had a profound impact on many people. There is no doubt that his legacy will continue to inspire others.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN
PAVELKO ON HIS OFFER
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND
THE UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2011

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Stephen Pavelko of Perrysburg, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Stephen brings an enormous amount of leadership, service and dedication to the incoming Class of 2015. While attending Perrysburg High School in Perrysburg, Ohio, Stephen earned honors in multiple fields of study, taking a number of advanced placement courses. Stephen was inducted into the National Honor Society, was involved in a number of athletic activities and held various leadership positions.

Throughout high school, Stephen participated in athletic activities, including football,