

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### EDWARDS, JOHNSON & HUBBOARD FAMILY REUNION

#### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, in the mid 1800s, the union of Henryetta Hubbard and William Johnson in Choctaw County, Mississippi has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our Nation; and

Whereas, the Hubbard and Johnson union produced many well respected citizens, today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs, who are pillars of strength for the Edwards, Johnson and Hubbard families; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Edwards, Johnson and Hubbard families, such as Ms. Dorothy Edwards, who are some of our most productive citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Edwards, Johnson and Hubbard families have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Edwards, Johnson and Hubbard families;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim July 22, 2011 as Edwards, Johnson & Hubbard Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of July, 2011.

### HONORING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NEW HAVEN AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the supporters and volunteers gathered this evening to congratulate Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven as they celebrate their silver anniversary. In its 25 year history this outstanding organization, fueled by the generosity and energy of its volunteers, has revitalized many of our neighborhoods and enhanced the quality of life in our community. Theirs is a mission that is quite literally reflected in the theme of this celebration—building hope, lives, and neighborhoods.

Over the course of its history, Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven has forged partnerships with individuals, religious and civic organizations, as well as local businesses and corporations that have translated into homeownership opportunities for more than eighty families. Offering a hand up rather than a hand out, families who qualify for the homebuyers program work side by side with community volunteers to build their home, investing a minimum of 400 "sweat equity" hours to the project. The families' personal investment also translates into their personal investment in the community.

Founded by a group of community leaders, Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven, like its sister chapters across the country, is a real grassroots organization. It encourages people to dedicate their words and actions to the elimination of poverty housing and attracts more than 2,000 volunteers every year. The need for affordable and safe housing is as much a need today as it was when this local organization was founded 25 years ago and it is heartening to know that there are so many who so willingly devote their time and energies to these efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the many volunteers and donors who have gathered tonight to celebrate this remarkable milestone. Without their generosity, compassion, and willingness to devote their time and energy, the mission of Habitat for Humanity would not be possible. Whether they have donated funds, construction material, or simply their time, it has been through their good work that Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven has been able to make such a difference in our community.

A home is so much more than simply a roof over ones head—it is a source of pride, comfort, independence and stability. This is the gift of Habitat for Humanity and I have been proud to support the good work that they have accomplished throughout Greater New Haven. I am honored to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven on their 25th Anniversary. I have no doubt that they will continue their extraordinary contributions for as long as there is a need.

### BOB HENLEY TRIBUTE

#### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob Henley for his outstanding service as a founding member of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association in the San Juan National Forest.

In 1996, Mr. Henley began working as a tour guide for Chimney Rock, which helped to

foster his appreciation of the archeological area, and urged him to seek that tours of the ruins be independently operated in order to ensure the area receive proper attention and upkeep. In 2003, Mr. Henley's work helped to make Chimney Rock an independent organization.

Because of his efforts and the efforts of many volunteers, the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association hosts nearly 11,000 visitors in total each year, allowing it to be independently funded and operated. In addition, the Association is able to give elementary schools free tours, educating between 300 and 500 students about the history of the Chimney Rock Archeological site every year.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Bob Henley today. His service has provided many assets to the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association and the San Juan National Forest.

### HONORING LILA STERN

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Hebrew School teacher and long-time community volunteer Lila Stern of Rockland County, is being honored by Congregation Shaaray Israel at their annual Journal Dinner Dance on June 12, 2011. For her numerous contributions to her community, Lila will receive the congregation's prestigious "Woman of Valor" award.

Lila has served as a leader of the Rockland Jewish community since 1953. As her husband Jules rose to the head of their congregation in the 1970s, Lila sought to encourage women's involvement in the Jewish issues as Chairwoman of Rockland County Israel Bonds Women's Division, President of Sisterhood at the Jewish Community Center, and a lifelong member of Hadassah.

In addition to her work in the Jewish community, Lila pursued a career as a "Professional Volunteer."

While raising three children, she took the time to work as a Pink Lady at Good Samaritan Hospital and as a literacy volunteer.

Lila now works as an adult teacher at Shaaray Israel where she teaches a class on Jewish appreciation. Every Wednesday she leads a discussion on Jewish issues ranging from religious issues to Israeli politics.

As a grandmother of 11, Lila has instilled in her family a respect for Jewish tradition as well as a sense of gratitude and support for the state of Israel, which she and her husband travel to frequently. Her visits to Israel began in 1950, when she first went with her parents lugging suitcases of clothing as well as money for the needy of the fledgling new country.

Through her charity and tireless dedication to her community, Lila has certainly earned her title as a "Woman of Valor," and I congratulate her on this honor.

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