

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONEJOS COUNTY TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Conejos County, Colorado for its 150th Birthday. On November 1, 1861, the Colorado legislature created 17 founding counties, of which Conejos was one. At the time, Conejos was named Guadalupe County, but its name was changed shortly thereafter.

The area that is now Conejos County was originally settled in the 1850's, primarily by Spanish speaking immigrants from New Mexico. The first village settled was the town of Conejos where Our Lady of Guadalupe, the first church to be built in Colorado, was constructed. This area, still part of the New Mexico territory, would not become part of Colorado for another 10 years.

After the county was officially established in 1861, it incorporated most of the southwestern portion of Colorado until it was broken apart and redistributed in 1874. It was at this time that Hinsdale, La Plata and Rio Grande Counties were established.

Today, Conejos County is one of the primary locations for agriculture in Colorado, with agribusiness comprising twenty-five percent of Conejos County employment. Agriculture not only drives Conejos County's economy, but it also contributes to the rich culture and heritage of the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Conejos County for its 150th Birthday. The county's history and culture have contributed greatly to the rich heritage of the state of Colorado.

RECOGNIZING THE SACRIFICE OF ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHRISTOPHER A. HORNS

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and the sacrifice of Army Private First Class Christopher A. Horns who died in service to this great nation. On October 22, 2011, Private First Class Christopher A. Horns was killed in Kandahar province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

PFC Christopher Horns, 20, of Colorado Springs, Colorado was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. Afghanistan was his first overseas deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is survived

by his parents and sister, who reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Christopher enlisted in the Army in July, 2010 and joined the 75th Ranger Regiment in March, 2011. He served as an assistant machine gunner and automatic rifleman. By joining the Army Christopher followed in his father's footsteps, who had also served a tour in Afghanistan at the beginning of the war. He was eager to serve his country and the Army. He was especially proud when he qualified for Ranger school after boot camp.

We must never forget the sacrifices that our young men and women have made in defending our freedom. I am humbled and honored to represent such a fine young man as Christopher, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. Please keep the family and friends of Christopher in your thoughts and prayers.

I ask the Members of Congress to join me in remembering and honoring Army Private First Class Christopher A. Horns. We must never forget those who take up arms on our behalf to preserve our way of life.

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 15, 2011 AS THE NATIONAL RECYCLING DAY

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize that today is the National Recycling Day that promotes and encourages recycling in our homes, schools, and workplaces.

I had the privilege of touring KW Plastics last week and was impressed with what this business are accomplishing. KW Plastics is located in Troy, Alabama and employs approximately 300 people. It is the world's largest plastics recycler.

KW recycles post-consumer household plastic items like milk jugs, shampoo and detergent bottles, yogurt cups, paint cans, and plastic bottle caps. Instead of these products ending up in landfills, KW Plastics turns these items into high quality and high value products. These include automotive parts, consumer brand packaging, agricultural pipe and pots, all-plastic paint containers and film wrap.

KW's largest challenge and only hindrance in growing more, employing more, investing more, and generating more revenue for their community is a mere lack of supply. They need more recyclable material. We have the needed supply, but are burying it in our landfills every day.

Several states conducted studies showing the material they paid to place in a landfill would have generated more worth had the material been sorted and sent to a recycling market. We are literally burying treasure in our landfills every day while there are recycling companies starving for material and offering competitive market pricing.

Recycling has important environmental rewards like energy and natural resource conservation. According to the Southeast Recycling Development Council, Alabama has 26 manufacturers who look to recycle content feedstock in their product. This means that 10,700 jobs in Alabama depend on recycled materials with an annual sale of \$6.6 billion.

Recycling is not simply an environmental issue, it is an economic one. There are real manufacturing jobs that depend heavily on recycling. Recycling is good for the earth but maybe more significantly, recycling is good for the economy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise to join me in recognizing November 15th as the National Recycling Day and to continue to encourage our constituents to participate in recycling. It is equally important that we teach our children the environmental and economic benefits of recycling.

IN HONOR OF MR. SEAN S. ENNIS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Sean S. Ennis, a man who has given so much to serving communities both at home and abroad, as he is inducted to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was established by former Governor George V. Voinovich in 1992. It is designed to commemorate servicemen and women whose lives demonstrate a dedication above and beyond the call of duty. The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame seeks to recognize Ohioans who have worn the uniform of this Nation's Armed Forces honorably, and then continue to contribute to their community, state and nation.

Mr. Sean S. Ennis is a prime example of the veterans honored by the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. He served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Since his military service, Mr. Ennis has been an active member of the veteran and Greater Cleveland community. He has been involved with the March of Dimes for over 20 years and volunteers with the Vietnamese Tax Clinic and the Cleveland Airport USO. He is a board member of Honor Flight Cleveland and the Vietnam Veterans of America, Buckeye State Council. Mr. Ennis is the President of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 15 and the Chaplain of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2533.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame as they induct Mr. Sean S. Ellis, whose life of service has impacted the lives of countless people in Cleveland and around the world.

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