

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JERRY W.
THROGMARTIN

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2012

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute an exceptional Hoosier, Jerry W. Throgmartin. Sadly we lost Mr. Throgmartin on January 22. I wish to express my condolences, thoughts and prayers to his family. He was a true model of the entrepreneurial spirit.

As a man of faith, I believe we were put on this earth to love one another and to make the best of the gifts our Lord has provided. We are all blessed to live in a country that allows us to experience freedom, the opportunity to learn, and the ability to succeed. As a Hoosier businessman, Mr. Throgmartin devoted his career to growing the appliance and electronics store founded by his grandfather, Henry Harold Gregg in 1955. Starting with the company in 1975 as a salesman, he worked his way up, succeeding his father, Gerald, as president in 1989. As Chairman and CEO from 2003 to 2009, under his leadership, the company grew rapidly through acquisitions and new store openings. HHgregg expanded to over 200 stores employing hundreds of Americans.

A graduate of the University of Indianapolis, Mr. Throgmartin also served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He earned his MBA at Indiana University where he was Chairman of the Indiana University Simon Cancer Center Development Board. His involvement with the Center had personal meaning, as he overcame lymphoma in the early 1980s. He was a regular contributor and adviser to the Shepherd Community Center on the Eastside of Indianapolis. The Executive Director of the Community Center called Mr. Throgmartin a person who wove his faith, family and career into a beautiful tapestry.

Jerry was the embodiment of the American spirit and I would like to thank his family for sharing him with our Hoosier community.

HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY
OF SECOND BAPTIST
CHURCH, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2012

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 70th anniversary of Second Baptist Church in Las Vegas, Nevada.

On February 22, 1942, the Second Baptist Church was founded by Verinette Anderson, Willie Harris, F.W. Wilson, Reverend and Sister B.T. Mayfield, Sisters Lola Hayes and Helen Polk and the Robinson Family. The group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robin-

son to organize the church, with Reverend Mayfield as the first pastor. Members contributed their own money to purchase a tent for shelter on a parcel of land where the old sanctuary presently stands and where they conducted services for approximately nine months. Under Reverend Mayfield's guidance, the membership grew to more than 300 people and the congregation had the ability to build a church edifice.

Over the past 70 years, membership at Second Baptist Church has increased significantly and continues to grow as they pride themselves on progress, leadership, faith, and love. In 1991, Reverend Jesse L. Jackson named them the "Miracle on Madison Avenue" to honor their service and devotion to Christian values.

In addition to the pastors of Second Baptist Church, there are deacons and deaconesses who help with the preparation of candidates for baptism and also look after the church's widows and orphans. They strive to enhance the spiritual life of the church by visiting the sick and shut-in, offering them prayer, guidance, and financial aid upon request. The deacons and deaconesses of Second Baptist Church strengthen the community by working faithfully together with church members, ministries, and associate ministers.

Ministries also are an invaluable part of Second Baptist Church. They fulfill a wide range of duties including overseeing the Christian education programs, music selection, and greeting guests. These congregants have a love for people, a heart to serve others, and a willingness to be faithful. They serve in ministries for men, youth, women and mothers to ensure that every individual has a place and feels at home.

In 2009, during the 67th Church Anniversary Celebration, Reverend D. Edward Chaney was installed as the seventh pastor of Second Baptist Church. Reverend Chaney came to the church with a wealth of biblical knowledge, high energy, extraordinary vision, and strong outreach. With his guidance and direction, Second Baptist continues to reach for higher ground in its ministry and service to others.

Second Baptist is a beacon of light for its members and the community as a whole. They have flourished as a ministry by leading, teaching, and praying, and honoring the individuals who built the foundation of their church.

As the Representative for Nevada's First Congressional District, I proudly recognize Second Baptist Church for 70 years of dedicated service to the community of Las Vegas and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Second Baptist Church's 70th anniversary.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SHERIFF'S
DEPUTY WARREN LEWIS III

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2012

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Sheriff's Deputy Warren Lewis III. I want to personally express my regard for the courage and commitment he made to the citizens of Nash County, North Carolina. Mr. Warren will forever be an upstanding husband, father, and investigator, leaving a legacy of the highest standards for service and integrity that should serve as an example for all American citizens. Those fortunate enough to know Mr. Warren in life are blessed to have been able to share in it with a true American hero.

We live in a country rooted in laws and values. From the principles crafted by our Founding Fathers in the Constitution, stems our Nation's moral code, which has provided America with budding prosperity that radiates throughout the world. However, our success as a nation is limited by those that misinterpret the basic rights that are such an integral part of being an American citizen. Diligent leadership in our local, State, and national government is needed in order to preserve the values that make our country the preeminent model of civil society.

Through years of dedicated service to the citizens of Nash County, Mr. Warren helped us all by ensuring our great Nation's founding principles of freedom and justice. Such valued service in law enforcement can only be implemented through officers with the noblest of character and deepest sense of personal responsibility. Mr. Warren's achievements in life should be honored in the community as it inspires us all to emulate his patriotism and passion for public service.

I hope that you will all continue to find comfort in everything that Mr. Warren selflessly left behind. His life will never be forgotten, as his devotion to his community will always remind us to keep our country a safe place. God bless your family.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL
GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2012

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to recognize the efforts of the National Ground Water Association (NGWA), which is headquartered in my district in Westerville, Ohio. NGWA is sponsoring National Ground Water Awareness Week which began on March 12. Each year, this event puts the national spotlight on a critically important issue, the preservation and protection of groundwater for human and environmental purposes.

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