

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO GPO ACCESS

#### HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 28, 2012*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, March 16, 2012, the U.S. Government Printing Office, GPO, officially retired GPO Access, GPO's online repository of federal government documents since 1994. GPO has completed the transition from GPO Access to its successor, GPO's Federal Digital System, FDsys, which was first launched in 2009 and became GPO's official system of record in December 2010.

GPO Access was established pursuant to Public Law 103-40, Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993. In President Clinton's statement upon signing the Act on June 8, 1993, he remarked:

It is with great pleasure that I sign into law S. 564, the "Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993," which will enhance electronic access by the public to Federal information. Under this Act, the public will have on-line computer access to two of the major source documents that inform us about the laws and regulations that affect our daily lives: the Congressional Record and the Federal Register . . .

This important step forward in the electronic dissemination of Federal information will provide valuable insights into the most effective means of disseminating all public Government information . . .

Upon its release, GPO Access ushered in an era of unprecedented access to Federal government information. Never before had American citizens from one end of this great country to the other been able to access the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Federal Register, bills and resolutions, and a host of other Federal government publications literally hours after their release. GPO Access marked a quiet revolution in government transparency on the same scale as C-SPAN. With hundreds of thousands of Federal government titles posted online and millions of downloads every month, GPO truly embodied the spirit of the Thomas Jefferson quotation: "wherever the people are well informed they can be trusted with their own government" and the James Madison quotation: "A popular Government without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy, or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." However, even our Founding Fathers could never have imagined the era of access to government information which we have come to enjoy since the advent of GPO Access, and the story only gets better.

GPO's FDsys, [www.fdsys.gov](http://www.fdsys.gov), provides the American public with free online access to about 50 different collections of authenticated U.S. Government information ranging from

public and private laws to U.S. court opinions to the President's annual budget. It allows users to search easily across multiple government publications; perform advanced searches against robust metadata about each publication; construct complex search queries; refine and narrow searches; access metadata in standard XML formats; download content and metadata packaged together as a single ZIP file; and browse alphabetically by collection, by congressional committee, by date, and by government author.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the hard-working men and women of GPO on their remarkable achievement with GPO Access. I look forward to GPO's continuing contribution to "Keeping America Informed" through its successor, FDsys.

### HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN V. SULLIVAN, HOUSE PARLIAMENTARIAN, UPON HIS RETIREMENT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2012*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker thanks to Mr. DREIER, Mr. LATOURETTE and Mr. DINGELL for organizing this special order in recognition of John Sullivan, the House's Parliamentarian since 2004, and Deputy or Assistant Parliamentarian since 1987.

For these 25 years, John has been a familiar face on the floor of the House of Representatives, helping presiding officers maintain order and the flow of business. He has done his work with reassuring steadiness and competence, impartiality and fairness, even when tempers were flaring and ingenious, sometimes disingenuous, arguments were flying all around him.

John and the parliamentary staff he oversees have also been invaluable sources of advice and counsel for this institution's members, officers, and committees. Their institutional memory—both in their personal capacity and in the reference and retrieval system they have developed—is beyond compare. John perfected his own skills under illustrious predecessors—Charles Johnson and Bill Brown—and has administered and advanced the office superbly. This institution is currently facing serious strains and challenges. But in the area of parliamentary experience and control, we are operating from a position of great strength, thanks to the work of John and his colleagues.

John Sullivan's work is enhanced by his historical and comparative parliamentary knowledge, and I want especially to commend him for his willingness to share that knowledge with our colleagues in parliaments with which we cooperate around the world. I particularly remember his participation with the House Democracy Partnership in a mission to two part-

ner legislatures, Liberia and Kenya, in 2010. He engaged enthusiastically and helpfully with these parliaments as they developed their own parliamentary rules and standards under trying conditions. John has done this repeatedly, meeting countless times with visiting parliamentary and staff delegations and generously extending his counsel and encouragement.

In short, John Sullivan has been an exemplary public servant and an invaluable resource for this institution and our sister institutions around the world. I am happy to join with colleagues in thanking him for his service and wishing him well in retirement.

### TRIBUTE TO ELEANOR K. ANDREWS, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2012

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 28, 2012*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year during the month of March, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women.

Today I pay tribute to Eleanor K. Andrews, an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District. As a resident of the city of San Gabriel, California, for over 50 years, Eleanor has always strived to make the city a better place.

Earlier in her career, Eleanor served on the Board of Trustees of the San Gabriel School District for 10 years. In addition, she was very active with the San Gabriel Valley YMCA, where she served as Vice President.

Today, Eleanor continues to serve the community she calls home. Currently, Ms. Andrews, who is the San Gabriel City Clerk, tirelessly volunteers in many organizations. Eleanor is the Co-Chair of the Senior Christmas Basket Program, where she dedicates her time to doing all the grocery shopping, and knitting over 60 pairs of slippers to put in all the baskets every year. In addition, she is a member and Past President of the Women's Division of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, member and Treasurer of the San Gabriel Community Coordinating Council, serves on the Executive Committee and as Research Chairwoman of the 2013 San Gabriel Centennial Committee, and serves on the Board of the San Gabriel Historical Association, where she was the Association's Past President, and now serves as the Recording Secretary.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of my district, Eleanor K. Andrews, for her exceptional service to the community.

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