

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CEN- TER HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William J. Brodsky, Linda Johnson Rice and J.B. Pritzker, this year's Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center Humanitarian Awards Dinner honorees. Mr. Brodsky, Ms. Rice and Mr. Pritzker embody what is best about the humanitarian spirit in our community.

The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center has, for 32 years, worked to ensure that we will never forget the unspeakable evil of the Holocaust, and that the world works diligently to prevent such evil in the future. The Museum & Education Center has educated countless students, young and old, on the perils of hate and discrimination, and since its new building opened in 2009, the center has stepped to the forefront of global Holocaust studies.

Each year, the Museum and Education Center recognizes the civic leadership of a select few, and this year's honorees are an outstanding and impressive group, with deep roots in the community and long records of service.

William J. Brodsky is the Chairman and CEO of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, and in more than 15 years in his position, he has successfully guided the company through turbulent economic times and done much on behalf of the Chicagoland community. He is being honored this year for his outstanding commitment to the ideals of promoting human rights and defeating hate through education. His support for the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center has furthered its greater mission and helped elevate the center on a global stage.

Linda Johnson Rice has served as the Chairman of Johnson Publishing since 2010 and before that as CEO beginning in 1987. Throughout her tremendous career, she has maintained a dedication to the causes of women, minorities and, especially, children. Her parents instilled in her beliefs in education and improving society, and she has applied those beliefs to the Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Her continued support of the Museum and Education Center's goal of combating hate, prejudice and indifference is a true inspiration. The side of equal, global human rights is stronger with her as an ally.

My friend J.B. Pritzker, whom I've known for more than 20 years, is a titan not only of industry, but philanthropy. Through the Pritzker Family Foundation and his work as Chairman of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, J.B. has led international efforts to empower the world's children. He spearheaded the efforts to fund and build the Illinois

Holocaust Museum and Education Center. His tireless work on behalf of survivors and in the cause of ending genocide has accomplished remarkable good. The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center would not be what it is today without J.B. Pritzker's efforts. I can think of no one more deserving of the inaugural Survivors Legacy Award. I'm proud to call J.B. a friend, and I'm pleased to see his commitment recognized.

At a time when Congressional gridlock has prevented critical work from being accomplished, seeing people like these three, with deep senses of civic duty, step up and take the lead on important issues is something we can all be thankful for. I congratulate Mr. Brodsky, Ms. Rice and Mr. Pritzker on their awards and wish them continued success. I look forward to following their future philanthropic endeavors.

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HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, proud Texans naturally believe everything is bigger and better in Texas—because it is. Texas has the nation's biggest and longest highway system with nearly 80,000 miles of Texas highways. It is 880 miles from the Louisiana border to the New Mexico border and 500 miles from the Oklahoma border to the Mexican border. As Texas travelers are packing up and headed out across the great Lone Star State, odds are, they will make a pit stop at a Texas phenomenon—a convenience store called Buc-ee's.

In 1982, Arch "Beaver" Aplin, founder and CEO of Buc-ee's, along with his business partner, Don Wasek, opened their first store in Lake Jackson, Texas. Super size dreams, determination and hard work proved successful for this duo; they now own 27 stores and employ over 1,000 Texans.

At a Buc-ee's, you can always spot an Aggie, either from their personalized license plate, their maroon pick-ups adorned with A&M stickers, or the ring—don't forget the ring! Aplin himself is a proud Aggie. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1980 with a degree in construction science. At the age of 22, newly graduated Aplin began working for the family-owned construction business. Two months later, he got the idea to open the Lake Jackson convenience store. The rich heritage of tradition that sets Texas A&M apart from all the rest is evident in Aplin's approach to owning a convenience store.

Like camels in a caravan, motorists follow the famous billboards to find their own road trip oasis. Buc-ee's are well known for their large and very clean restroom facilities, which earned them the "2012 Cleanest Restroom in America" Award—no wonder the women folk

fancy stopping at Buc-ee's. There is something for the entire brood to enjoy from Beaver Nuggets, breakfast tacos, Bar-B-Que, beef jerky and fudge to T-shirts and Texas proud merchandise—even deer feeders and deer stands for sportsmen.

Nowhere else on earth, but Texas, can you find a gas station bigger than a football field! I am not making this up. They have 5 flagship stores open 24 hours a day located in New Braunfels, Luling, Madisonville, Bastrop and Wharton. These stores are bigger than the average Buc-ee's—maybe we should nickname them the 8th Wonder of the World.

It is truly an honor to recognize this Texas-owned business; not only for its standing as one of the top convenience stores in the State of Texas, but for the great services that it provides to the citizens of our great State. The employees are happy, Texas friendly, and helpful. On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Texas, I commend all Buc-ee's employees on a job well done, not only in our community, but throughout Texas.

And that's just the way it is.

FEDERAL ELECTION LAWS SHOULD APPLY TO ALL FED- ERAL ELECTIONS

HON. GREGORIO KILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that provides the full protection of federal election law to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the United States Virgin Islands. The people of these areas deserve to have their elections protected by the same laws that safeguard elections and voters everywhere else in our Nation.

Because of various anomalies federal election laws do not always apply in the territories as in the states. There are gaps in application from one territory to the next. My legislation simply closes those gaps, so that the laws that govern federal elections apply in the same way throughout our country.

The result will be that voters in the territories will be protected from intimidation, threats, and coercion, when they cast their ballots in federal elections—just as voters are protected in the rest of America.

The result will be that the manipulation of elections for federal office by public officials will be illegal—just as in the rest of America.

By extending federal election law, as it does, my bill makes clear that aliens are prohibited from voting and extends the penalties of fine and imprisonment that apply in the rest of our country.

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