

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ED JOHNSTONE'S COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA REGION OF WASHINGTON STATE

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ed Johnstone, a community leader engaged on climate change issues in our region. Today, the President is recognizing his efforts by awarding Mr. Johnstone the Champions of Change award.

Mr. Johnstone is a member of the Quinault Indian Nation and serves as their spokesperson on ocean policy and treaty fishing rights. He has done remarkable work explaining how climate change is negatively impacting the ecosystems and fisheries that are central to the traditions, culture, and spiritual beliefs of his tribe, as well as our regional economy.

Mr. Johnstone has helped raise awareness of climate change by co-leading the First Stewards: Coastal Peoples Address Climate Change Symposium at the National Museum of the American Indian.

Climate change is an issue that involves not only preserving our environment. It's also about protecting our economic and national security interests. Climate change is already beginning to negatively impact our state's agriculture and shellfish industries, forests, and salmon habitat. Promoting growth and preserving these industries is essential in retaining and creating new jobs in our area.

Mr. Speaker, I enjoy living in our region because I value the richness of our environment. We know our generation must be responsible stewards of our lands, waters, and of our entire planet for future generations. It's leaders like Mr. Johnstone that are taking that vision and turning it into a reality day in and day out.

It takes great effort and service to earn this prestigious award. On behalf of our region, it is an honor to congratulate Mr. Johnstone on this accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING MANO A MANO FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Mano a Mano Family Resource Center, an organization in my district that is dedicated to helping immigrants realize their dreams here in the United States. We are a nation of immigrants, but without the work of organizations like Mano a Mano, we are merely a nation that accepts immigrants, rather than one encouraging them to be active, engaged members of the community.

Started out of a small storefront, Mano a Mano has grown over the last decade to help more than 4,300 people per year. With language courses, early education programs, GED tutoring, computer skills training and health education, Mano a Mano has helped countless families and individuals become complete participants in American life.

The beauty of these programs, and what makes Mano a Mano so effective, is how they are tailored to client and community needs. For example, recognizing challenges managing or understanding life with diabetes, Mano a Mano launched an initiative to educate the community on living with a chronic disease and how better to manage it.

The success stories go on and on and on and are too many to enumerate. Let me highlight, however, what I think is a most telling attribute of their success: year after year, Mano a Mano clients often return as volunteers, tutors or educators. Not only are these programs successfully enriching our communities and the lives of their clients, but they also inspire a tradition of giving back, of paying it forward, and of doing for others as Mano a Mano did for them. Such is the cycle—a community of reaching out—where one good turn leads to another and another.

On the eve of the annual gala, I thank Mano a Mano for all that they are and all that they do. I am proud that this organization makes its home in our Tenth District.

HONORING PAUL SPRING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Paul Spring. Paul is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Paul has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Paul has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Paul has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Paul led a construction team in building a picnic area consisting of four cedar tables and an encompassing rubber mulch area at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Paul Spring for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOILERMAKERS LOCAL 363

HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 110th anniversary of the Boilermakers Local 363 of East St. Louis, Illinois.

By the late 19th century many of the skilled craftsmen who powered the Industrial Revolution were seeking to improve pay and working conditions through the formation of unions. Workers in the boilermaker and iron ship building trades had formed a union in Chicago as had boilermakers in Atlanta. These two organizations would merge in 1893 to form the International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers and Iron Ship Builders and, on March 22, 1903, Local 363 in East St. Louis, Illinois received its charter.

Over the years the Boilermakers Union would continue to grow and diversify as other related trade unions merged with it. A Helpers Division was added in 1902 and Blacksmiths and Drop Forgers merged in 1954. In 1984, the United Cement, Lime, Gypsum and Allied Workers merged, to be followed, in 1994, by the Stove, Furnace and Allied Appliance Workers. The Metal Polishers, Buffers and Platers would merge in 1996. As a result of these many mergers, the name of the union is now the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers.

Membership in the union grew in the 20th century as the needs for the skilled labor grew. At the dawn of the century, membership was about 8,500 but had grown to over 350,000 by the end of World War II in the mid-1940s. There are currently 534 members in Local 363.

Local 363 has always realized that its responsibility to its members also extends to those members' community. The list of organizations that have been assisted by the local's support include: the United Way, Special Olympics, the Illinois Cancer Society and the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the leadership and members of Boilermakers Local 363 as they celebrate their 110th anniversary and to wish them continued success in the future.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. JIM LEEDY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jim Leedy, a renowned artist who

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