

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
GENERAL SUSAN S. LAWRENCE

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional officer of the United States Army, Lieutenant General Susan S. Lawrence. Currently serving as the Army's Chief Information Officer/G-6, Lieutenant General Lawrence will be released from active duty after more than 41 distinguished years of active Federal service on December 1, 2013. From enlisted private to three-star general, Susan Lawrence has personified the Army values of duty, integrity, selfless service and dedication to country. Many of us on Capitol Hill have enjoyed the opportunity to work with General Lawrence on a wide variety of Army issues and programs, and it is my privilege to recognize her many accomplishments.

General Lawrence, a native daughter of Ida Grove, Iowa, joined the Women's Army Corps at age 18. After five years of exemplary service, at the urging of her mentor, Maj. Gen. Mickey Marks, then-Sergeant Lawrence decided to make the Army a career. She attended college, she earned a commission and she committed herself to the Signal Corps. Since that day in 1977, Susan Lawrence has positively impacted the lives of thousands of soldiers and civilians, commanded at every level and done the nation's bidding around the globe. From Korea to Germany; from Operation Desert Thunder in Kuwait to three tours in Qatar under Operation Iraqi Freedom, General Lawrence has provided the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps, as well as our coalition partners, the Signal and information technology support essential to mission success.

For the past five years, General Lawrence has been deeply involved in modernizing the Army's network, including redesigning its infrastructure and greatly improving security and defense to ensure that soldiers and decision makers have the information they need when they need it regardless of their location. At a time when information technology has become ingrained in every aspect of the military's day-to-day and combat operations; and cyber warfare has moved from the realm of science fiction to one of the country's greatest real-time threats, Susan Lawrence has been out in front, pressing hard to make sure that the nation has a 21st century Army capable of defeating any enemy, whether face to face on the ground or in the ether of cyberspace.

Throughout it all, General Lawrence has paid special attention to the men and women who defend the United States. She has mentored countless military and civilian personnel, helping the Armed Forces to retain the best and brightest. And, she has shown special care for the families of those who wear a uniform, always striving to improve their quality of life and offering a comforting shoulder in times of need.

For 41 years, Lieutenant General Lawrence has provided outstanding leadership and sound counsel on numerous critical issues of enduring importance to the Army and our nation. She is a truly remarkable officer and citizen. On behalf of the Congress and the United States of America, I thank Lieutenant General Lawrence and her entire family for the commitment, sacrifices and contributions they have made throughout her honorable service. Congratulations on completing an exceptional and successful career.

COMMEMORATING THE 65TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF FATHER DUENAS
MEMORIAL SCHOOL

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Father Duenas Memorial School on its 65th anniversary as Guam's premier Catholic all-male college-preparatory high school.

Father Duenas Memorial School was established on October 1, 1948, four years after the school's namesake, Father Jesus Baza Duenas, a Chamorro priest with unwavering loyalty to his faith, parishioners, and country, was martyred during the Japanese occupation of Guam. Father Duenas was born in the village of Hågtna on March 19, 1911, and ordained a Catholic priest in 1938.

As enemy forces began the occupation of Guam in 1942, American priests were taken as prisoners of war, leaving Father Duenas and the late Father Oscar Calvo to tend to the spiritual needs of more than 22,000 Catholics who remained on the island. Father Duenas was appointed Pro-Vicar of the Vicariate on Guam, putting him in charge of all Church affairs during World War II. Throughout the occupation, Father Duenas inspired many Chamorros to remain hopeful that Guam would be liberated from enemy occupation.

Four years following the Liberation of Guam by American forces, Bishop Apolinaris W. Baumgartner established Father Duenas Memorial School as a minor seminary for young men preparing to become clerics and a college preparatory education for others. FDMS opened on October 1, 1949 near the site where Father Duenas was executed.

Throughout its history, FDMS has educated many of Guam's young men who have made numerous contributions to our community. These young men continue a strong tradition of excellence and their work has contributed to Guam's growth in the Asia-Pacific region. Many FDMS alumni have succeeded in their chosen careers. Today, many of Guam's church and government leaders, business and medical professionals, military officers, and leaders of charitable organizations are graduates of FDMS. The school promotes in its students a strong sense of public service and

commitment to improving the communities they live in. A key characteristic shared among FDMS alumni is their dedication to improving the quality of life for our people and our community.

Again, I join the FDMS community in celebrating its 65th anniversary. I wish FDMS continued success, and I am confident that this institution of faith and learning will continue its commitment to providing a high-quality education to the young men of Guam. May they always remain "Strong in the Faith."

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, Mississippi College—the oldest institution of higher learning in the state of Mississippi and the second oldest Baptist university in the United States—recently celebrated the opening of its 187th school year. Since 1826, Mississippi College has provided students from across the state and around the world an education informed by Christian values, and was the first co-educational institution in the nation to grant a degree to a woman.

The university has a long and distinguished history of educating future public servants, counting current leaders in federal and state government among her alumna, including Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant as well as both my wife, Sidney, and me. Through service to the Board of Trustees, U.S. Representative Alan Nunnelee and Order of the Golden Arrow recipient Gayle Wicker, wife of U.S. Senator Roger Wicker, have provided exceptional leadership to the university's presidents through the years. Located in Clinton, Mississippi, Mississippi College is a proud constituent of the U.S. Representative BENNIE THOMPSON.

For 64 years, students have received exemplary training in areas of speech, media, public relations, theater and related practices in the Mississippi College Communication Department. Founded in 1949 by Drs. Hollis and Julia Todd as the Department of Speech, the current Communication Department presented diplomas to hundreds of students who have subsequently experienced personal and career success in their chosen fields. Among its alumni, the department prides itself in seeing former graduates become leaders in fields as diverse as business and ministry, education and journalism.

The faculty of the Mississippi College Communication Department embodies dedicated and sustained service to the university and its mission. In fact, only three individuals have chaired the department over the span of its 64 years: Dr. Hollis Todd, Dr. Billy Lytal, for whom the annual student scholarship fund is named, and current chair Dr. Cliff Fortenberry. With a teaching philosophy built around the practical application of theory and curriculum,

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