

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the 40th anniversary of Cabo Verde's independence and in recognizing the country's irreplaceable role in the international community.

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SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2822) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes:

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Chair, I rise today because I believe every child in every school should receive an excellent education.

It is a goal that I have worked toward as Chairman of the Education and the Workforce Committee, and one I know many in this House share. I would like to especially thank the Committee Chairmen ROGERS and CALVERT, and Ranking Members LOWEY and MCCOLLUM, for working with me to address the challenges facing Native American students.

Earlier this year I visited the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota. At the school, thin metal walls are all that separate students from harsh winters and blankets hang over the doors in a desperate attempt to keep out the cold air. When winds reach a certain strength at the "Bug School," students are forced to evacuate the building—often in below-zero temperatures. On many cold and windy winter days, Bug School students keep their winter jackets on all day, to save time during evacuation.

Mr. Chair, this is unacceptable. These children deserve much better. It's incumbent on the Administration and this Congress to get to the bottom of this.

The Education and the Workforce Committee recently held hearings to examine the deplorable conditions affecting Native American schools—an issue that in recent months has received national attention thanks to the investigative work of the Star Tribune.

Mr. Chair, the federal government promised to provide Native American students a quality education in a manner that preserves their heritage, and we are failing to keep that promise.

Accordingly, I sent a letter to my colleagues on the House Committee on Appropriations this year requesting an increase of nearly \$60 million more than last year's budget for Bureau of Indian Education schools.

I am pleased the Department of Interior appropriations bill, through the hard work of the Chairmen and Ranking Members, reflects my request and recognizes that we cannot continue to fail meeting our commitment.

While additional resources are certainly important, they are only part of what is needed in a long-term solution. We still must work together in a bipartisan manner to untangle the

maze of bureaucracy that continues to plague BIE schools and students.

Mr. Chair, these unique, vulnerable children have waited long enough for the federal government to live up to its promises and I urge my colleagues to support this bill which is an important step toward our goal of providing an excellent education for all our children.

TRIBUTE TO OARD-ROSS DRUG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Oard-Ross Drug of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Oard-Ross Drug has been operating at the same corner location since 1907. Mr. Joe Beraldi, the drug store's owner and pharmacist, has himself worked at the store for 75 years. Mr. Beraldi continues to enjoy working with the customers and does not enjoy golf, which, he explains, are the two main reasons he has no plans for retirement yet.

Mr. Beraldi was born and raised in Council Bluffs and began working at the store at age 14 while attending high school. He said he made deliveries on his bike for 10 cents an hour during that time. Today, Mr. Beraldi serves second and third generation customers at the drug store. This multi-generational customer loyalty is a testament to the great service provided by Mr. Beraldi and his staff. Currently, Mr. Beraldi works part-time at the store and has no intention of retiring. His son, Tony, also a pharmacist, has worked at Oard-Ross Drug for 29 years and now manages the store.

I commend Mr. Joe Beraldi, his son, Tony, and the staff at Oard-Ross Drug for their many years of dedicated service to Council Bluffs. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Oard-Ross Drug for this extraordinary occasion. I wish them all the best moving forward.

COMMEMORATING 46TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, forty six years ago, on July 20, 1969, millions of Americans and other people around the world, sat glued to their televisions and radios to witness a human being walk on the surface of the moon, one of the signal events in world history.

This astounding technological achievement could not have come at a better time because in July 1969, the United States was in need of a unifying event following the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Senator Robert Kennedy, and Malcolm X, and social divisions resulting from America's involvement in the Vietnam War, a war that cost the nation dearly in blood and treasure.

In 1969, the world was still caught in the grip of the Cold War, divided by ideology, sep-

arated into opposing blocs of countries aligned with either the Soviet Union or the United States.

Today the world stands connected in a variety of ways unimaginable 46 years ago.

The step onto the surface of the moon by Neil Armstrong, left more than a mere foot print in the moon sand, it spurred a technological revolution that has resulted in many of the devices that help shape our lives today.

On September 29, 1962 at Rice University in Houston, Texas, President John F. Kennedy inspired the nation to accept the challenge of sending a man to the moon and bringing him safely home before the end of the decade.

President Kennedy said, "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too."

In July 1969, through the combined determination and efforts of the American people, the United States made good on President Kennedy's prediction.

From the inspiration of a young President who challenged us to set our sights on the moon, scientists developed new materials, engineers manufactured innovative equipment, and factory workers assembled cutting edge transport crafts.

Together, Americans proved that by working together, toward a common purpose, there is nothing beyond our reach.

And let us not forget the crew of American heroes, who made President's Kennedy's promise a reality for the world, and whose courage and daring embodied the virtues and ideals of the American spirit: astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Eugene Aldrin Jr., and Michael Collins.

The words spoken by Neil Armstrong when he stepped off Eagle 1 onto the surface of the moon perfectly captured the significance of that moment in human history: "This is one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

This giant step forward in world history reflected the ground breaking research, development, inventions, and discoveries of thousands of Americans who successfully opened a new path in frontier of space exploration.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GILBERT
"GIL" ERNEST ADAMI

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Dr. Gilbert Ernest Adami, who passed away on June 24, 2015 at the age of 92, leaving behind a proud legacy.

Dr. Adami was born September 2, 1922 in Winters, Texas to Ernest and Emma Adami. Even as a child, he knew his calling in life was to heal others. He graduated from Winters High School at age 16, and attended the University of Texas. At age 19, he was admitted to Tulane University School of Medicine, obtaining his medical degree at age 22. Dr. Adami entered the United States Navy in 1945