

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING THE SOUTHEASTERN FFA FORESTRY CLASS FOR PLACING 4TH IN "THE BIG E"

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, the Southeastern FFA Forestry Class demonstrated exemplary knowledge of the skills and competencies required for a career in forestry; and

Whereas, the Southeastern FFA Forestry Class has been determined and has endeavored for excellence in the furthering of their forestry education; and

Whereas, the Southeastern FFA Forestry Class members Scott Clary, Chase Carroll, Brian Brown, and Jacob Peecher have achieved individually in the career development event.

Therefore, I, on behalf of the people of Ohio's 18th Congressional District applaud your accomplishment. Your efforts have made us all proud.

RECOGNIZING BRIDGET CALL

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2005

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Bridget Call to congratulate her on being selected as West Virginia's teacher of the year for 2006.

Bridget Call, who was chosen from 50 excellent nominees statewide, sets high standards and strives to be a role model for her students. She has dedicated many years to educating and enlightening students at Matewan High School in Mingo County. In addition to her classroom responsibilities, she also serves as head of the Drama Department at Matewan High. In light of her background as a former actress and director with The Araconia Story Inc. summer productions, this additional role is well suited for her talents. As a result of her dedication, Ms. Call will receive an educational technology package from the Smarter Kids Foundation valued at \$14,000.

It is with great pride that we recognize a woman who has inspired and motivated so many of our youth in West Virginia. Through her experimental, yet effective teaching style, Bridget Call has contributed greatly to the education of an entire generation of youth in southern West Virginia and I am certain she has been an inspiration to her colleagues as well. As I have said in the past, education is not a solitary endeavor or achievement, nor is it to increase an individual's fortunes, but rather it is to enrich the whole of the family.

America's 229-year-old history is rich with those who have made a difference through

educating themselves. Rather using what they have learned to not only educate others but to raise our Nation to inspiring heights. Because of their achievements we continue to prosper from their education and willingness to share their knowledge. The people of West Virginia have always striven for excellence. West Virginians are continually working to better themselves and their communities through education. Ms. Call exemplifies the qualities that are displayed in all West Virginians. West Virginia and the educational system at large, is better for having Ms. Bridget Call.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF BERNARD ZISES

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2005

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of Bernard Zises and to honor the contributions he has made both to his community and to the United States. Bernard turns 90 on October 23, 2005 and he will celebrate this momentous occasion surrounded by family and friends.

Bernard first made a name for himself in the early 1930's as a college basketball player in New York City. He was a standout during his four years as the highest scoring player in the entire New York City college system. His contributions off the court, however, have been far more impressive.

On March 30th, 2005, Bernard was honored as the "Gezunter of the Year" by the Gezunter Club at the Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center in East Hills, New York. This prestigious honor was bestowed upon Bernard in recognition of his years of dedicated service to the Jewish community in New York and abroad. He has been a huge supporter of, among other charitable causes, the Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center, the UJA-Federation of New York, Hadassah and the State of Israel.

While he has been honored for his acts of altruism and charity, Bernard is most proud of his wonderful family. His 66-year marriage to his wife, Ruth, his 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren are all great sources of inspiration and happiness to him.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Bernard Zises for his years of dedicated commitment to our community, to the Jewish community, to the United States, to the State of Israel and those around him. Bernard's integrity, selflessness, and stature have certainly made an enormous impression on the great many lives he has touched. In recognition of a lifetime of generosity and altruism, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join me in honoring Bernard Zises as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO MATT GLASGOW

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2005

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Matt Glasgow, who is set to retire from his position as a Public Affairs Specialist with the U.S. Forest Service on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests in Colorado.

In addition to serving the public as member of the U.S. Forest Service, Matt spent 20 years in the U.S. Army, retiring as a Master Sergeant in 1981. During that time, Matt served in posts as far away as Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Closer to home, he spent time in Washington serving at posts in the Pentagon, the White House, and the U.S. Capitol.

Matt was a recipient of numerous military awards, including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, the Joint Services Commendation Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal. He has also received several well deserved merit awards from the U.S. Forest Service.

Mr. Speaker, Matt has spent the last few decades serving America.

His dedication to public service, his expertise, his commitment, and his enthusiasm on the forest will all be missed.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WILLIAM "BILL" BALSER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas William "Bill" Balser was elected to the high office of Department Commander of Ohio on Sunday, July 10, 2005; and

Whereas, William "Bill" Balser is a 30-year member of the American Legion Post 85, where he has held many offices including Post Commander and Finance Officer; and

Whereas, William "Bill" Balser has exemplified the meaning of successful civic duty through his unselfish role to serve the greater good of the Ohio Valley; and

Whereas, William "Bill" Balser recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife Trudy and is the loving father of 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in recognizing William "Bill" Balser for his longtime dedication to the residents and children of Ohio's 18th district.

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EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO
SOUTH KOREA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2005

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, fifty-five years ago, the United States came to the aid of South Korea, when it was invaded by Communist forces from across its northern border. This month, South Korea has come to the aid of the United States, when a natural disaster struck from across our southern coastline.

With its generous pledge of \$30 million in cash, services, and in-kind contributions, South Korea joins a list of more than 90 countries that have offered some form of assistance to our efforts of relief and recovery in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

What is noteworthy is that, among those nearly 100 countries, South Korea is providing the fourth-largest offer of assistance. According to a recent statement by the Korean Embassy, "Seoul's commitment of \$30 million will comprise of \$5 million from the government budget with the remainder to be raised through a collection of contributions by the Korean National Red Cross, the religious community and Korean corporations with U.S. subsidiaries." In fact, just last week in New York, the Federation of Korean Industries (FKI) pledged \$10 million to be collected from Korean conglomerates directly to the Bush-Clinnton Katrina Fund.

It is not mentioned often enough that South Korea is one of America's most important and trusted allies. In the global war on terror, there are more South Korean troops stationed in Iraq than any other nation besides the United States and the United Kingdom. They have assisted our efforts there from almost the moment the Saddam Hussein regime was toppled and have done so at great personal peril to the soldiers deployed and at considerable political risk to the government in Seoul.

As I had the opportunity to travel to North Korea at the beginning of the year along with several of my colleagues, including Rep. CURT WELDON, the status of the Six-Party Talks to resolve North Korea's nuclear issue has been of great concern to me. That is why I was pleased to know that earlier this week, after lengthy deliberation, a joint statement was agreed to by all the parties involved.

I commend the U.S. Envoy to the Six-Party Talks, my good friend Ambassador Christopher Hill, for his skillful diplomatic leadership in helping to achieve the accord. I also commend South Korea for remaining a key partner throughout the difficult negotiations. It is my hope that the joint statement will provide the impetus for a denuclearized Korean peninsula and I encourage the six nations to work together to make it a reality.

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my personal appreciation to the government and people of South Korea for all they have done to continually support the United States, at home and abroad. I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to offer their own expressions of gratitude to the Korean people for their generosity, spirit of friendship and abiding commitment to an enduring alliance partnership with the United States.

HONORING GROVER BARNES

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2005

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Grover Barnes on the occasion of his 98th birthday. Grover Barnes is the oldest living African American Man in Santa Barbara, and a most esteemed citizen of our fair city. He truly is a rare gem and a community treasure.

Grover Barnes, a Texas native, came to Santa Barbara over 62 years ago. In 1942 he was hired by the Miramar Hotel as a porter and one year later was the first African American promoted to Bell Captain where he served for thirty-five years. It has been said that Grover Barnes is an inimitable part of history of the city of Montecito. His level of service is remembered by generations of guests. He was known for his warm hospitality to the young and old, the rich and famous, and the not so rich and famous. In 2001, Grover Barnes was voted as a Local Hero of Santa Barbara and affectionately called "The Ambassador of Hospitality."

The generosity of spirit that marked Mr. Barnes' professional life is many times amplified in his lifelong dedication to his friends and family, to community service and to his church. It is his deep devotion to his community, his concern for those who have been left behind, his commitment to making sure the right thing is done for someone in need, that makes him a true community treasure. He has worked tirelessly to advance just causes and has always stayed focused on the right issues. To this day, Mr. Barnes contributes to our community life by writing letters to the Santa Barbara News Press editor which are thought provoking and historically significant.

Grover Barnes has received numerous honors for his greatest joy: a lifelong devotion to serving others and for making sure justice is done. He has been intensely involved in many community organizations including: the NAACP Santa Barbara Chapter, the Brotherhood of Santa Barbara, the Mason Lodge, the Eastside Study Group and the George Washington Carver Scholarship Society. As a man who has devoted his life to helping others, I today recognize Grover Barnes as a role model of the very best kind, a man who has been a friend to many and a teacher to all, a shining example of what makes this country and community great.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2005

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 125th Anniversary of Ursuline High School. Ursuline High School, founded in 1880 in Santa Rosa by the Ursuline Sisters, is a private Catholic secondary school committed to excellence in educating young women.

Ursuline High School, known in the early years as Ursuline Academy, first opened its

doors at 10th and B Streets in the former Santa Rosa Christian College Building. By 1957, the school relocated to its current location in northern Santa Rosa on a portion of the Howarth Estate. The year 1965 saw the addition of Cardinal Newman High School, a private school for young men, on the adjacent property.

Even as Ursuline High School has grown and spawned such acclaimed alumni as Olympic Swimming Champion Ann Curtis and Broadway actor Valerie Leonard, the school has remained focused on empowering young women to realize their full potential.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Ursuline High School for its 125 years of commitment to educating young women to be leaders.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3132, CHILDREN'S SAFETY ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of the Children's Safety Act. We have heard heart-wrenching accounts of the devastating effects, both immediate and long-term, of sexual abuse and it is time we pass legislation that would help prevent further cases of abuse.

It is vital that sex offenders are required by law to report to law enforcement nationwide once they move residences. Our children are at risk when these felons are unaccounted for. With a National Sex Offender Registry in place and freely accessible to the public, American families will be safer and parents can further protect their children from sexual predators. We have heard of too many victims that suffered through the horrible acts of sexual abuse by a convicted sex offender who failed to update their registration with the sex offender registry. Too many times sexual offenders have moved out of state and left their hurtful past only to commit the same crimes. Too many times sexual offenders have been released from prison after serving a term for sexual abuse only to disappear because they were never forced to register. Too often parents have found out after the attack that a neighbor or friend has a history of sexual abuse.

The Children's Safety Act would give additional tools to our citizens and law enforcement to track offenders and prevent additional attacks. By expanding the coverage of sex offenders to include any felony sex offender and misdemeanor sex offenses and possession of child pornography, we will be giving our parents and our police the additional information so they are proactive on preventing sexual attacks. The Children's Safety Act also puts into law more common sense, that sex offenders should be forced to register before they are released from prison. And the Children's Safety Act allows states to increase the amount of information that they post on the Nation Sex Offender Registry so families and law enforcement officials can keep track of these predators.

I am disappointed that this bill was brought to the floor of the House with an amendment

expanding federal hate-crimes protections. I voted AGAINST this amendment, but supported the bill to further protect our children against sexual predators, under the assurance the “hate crimes” amendment would not survive the Conference between the House and the Senate as was the case last year with the Defense Department Authorizations Bill. The amendment would federalize local crimes if the suspected motive is animosity toward homosexuals or transgenders. While I strongly

abhor bigotry and discrimination, hate-crime legislation would require the government to provide for more punishment for any given violent crime or physical assault simply because the government decided that the motive for the crime was more heinous than another. Every citizen must be afforded the same amount of protection and fairness provided for under the law; however, none must be given a “special” status. Individuals caught committing a crime must understand that conviction

will be certain, sentencing will be swift and punishment will be severe—and now with the passage of the Children's Safety Act, sex offenders will be held to more strict punishment and limitation.

Ensuring the security of our citizens, and especially our children, should be the primary focus of government. The Children's Safety Act helps meet this entrusted obligation, and I am proud to cast my vote in support of this measure.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the role of science in environmental policy making.

SD-406

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the international response to Darfur.

SR-325

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To resume hearings to examine issues relating to recovering from Hurricane Katrina, focusing on the needs of those displaced, today and tomorrow.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine protecting copyright and innovation in a post-Grokster world.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine S. 1334, to provide for integrity and accountability in professional sports, and S. 1114, to establish minimum drug testing standards for major professional sports leagues.

SH-216

Finance

To hold hearings to examine community rebuilding needs and effectiveness of past proposals relating to Hurricane Katrina.

SD-215

11:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

2 p.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine whether there is more consolidation or new choices for consumers regarding video competition in 2005.

SD-226

Appropriations

Business meeting to markup H.R.2863, making appropriations for the Depart-

ment of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine the grazing programs of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, including proposed changes to grazing regulations, and the status of grazing permit renewals, monitoring programs and allotment restocking plans.

SD-366

SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. military strategy and operations in Iraq.

SD-106

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the Protocol of 1997 Amending MARPOL Convention (Treaty Doc. 108-7), Agreement with Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Treaty Doc. 108-24), Convention Concerning Migratory Fish Stock in the Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 109-1), Convention Strengthening Inter-American Tuna Commission (Treaty Doc. 109-2), and the Convention on Supplementary Compensation on Nuclear Damage (Treaty Doc. 107-21).

SD-419

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the effectiveness and cost of the Defense Travel System of the Department of Defense.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Emil W. Henry, Jr., of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions, and Patrick M. O'Brien, of Minnesota, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, both of the Department of the Treasury, Keith E. Gottfried, of California, to be General Counsel, and Kim Kendrick, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary, Keith A. Nelson, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary, and Darlene F. Williams, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Darryl W. Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary, Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, and David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Export Administration, all of the Department of Commerce; to be followed by a hearing to examine the implementation of the Exon-Florio provision by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), Department of the Treasury, which seeks to serve U.S. investment policy through reviews that protect national security while maintaining the credibility of open investment policy.

SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine communications for first responders in disaster.

SD-562

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of William F. Tuerk, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Robert Joseph Henke, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, John M. Molino, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, Lisette M. Mondello, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, and George J. Opfer, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, all of Department of Veterans Affairs.

SR-418

Aging

To hold hearings to examine the impact of direct-to-consumer drug advertising on seniors' health and health care costs.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending judicial nominations.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine certain activities of the General Services Administration.

SD-342

3:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing regarding the evolving NATO role in Afghanistan.

S-407, Capitol

OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. military strategy and operations in Iraq.

SD-106

OCTOBER 20

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Indian water rights settlement policy effects on the Duck Valley Reservation proposed settlement agreement.

SR-485

CANCELLATIONS

OCTOBER 6

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the Environmental Management programs of the Department of Energy.

SD-366

POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 28

2:30 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian housing.

SR-485