

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING KAZZ MICHAEL MARSEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kazz Michael Marsey of Blue Springs, Missouri. Kazz 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 1246, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kazz has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kazz has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH VINCE WALTERS FOR COACHING THE NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION I STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

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Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to submit a record of how I would have

voted on Thursday, April 3, when I was unavoidably detained. Had I voted, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 159.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, abuses of the earmark process by Members of both parties demonstrate the need for reform. However, earmarks are hardly the most serious problem facing this country. In fact, many, if not most, of the problems with earmarks can be fixed by taking simple steps to bring greater transparency to the appropriations process. While I support reforms designed to shine greater sunlight on the process by which Members seek earmarks, I fear that some of my colleagues have forgotten that the abuses of the earmarking process are a symptom of the problems with Washington, not the cause. The root of the problem is an out-of-control Federal budget. I am also concerned that some reforms proposed by critics of earmarking undermine the separation of powers by eroding Congress's constitutional role in determining how Federal funds are spent.

Contrary to popular belief, adding earmarks to a bill does not increase Federal spending. Earmarks are added to appropriations legislation after the total funding levels have been agreed on. Therefore, earmarks simply allocate Federal money that Congress has already agreed should be spent. Thus, adding or subtracting earmarks from legislation does not increase or reduce Federal spending by even one penny.

Since reforming, limiting, or even eliminating earmarks does nothing to reduce Federal spending, I have regarded the battle over earmarks as a distraction from the real issue—the need to reduce the size of government. Recently, opponents of earmarks have embraced an approach to earmark reform that undermines the constitutional separation of powers by encouraging the President to issue an Executive order authorizing Federal agencies to disregard congressional earmarks placed in committee reports.

Since the President's Executive order would not reduce Federal spending, the practical result of such an Executive order would be to transfer power over the determination of how Federal funds are spent from Congress to unelected Federal bureaucrats. Since most earmarks are generated by requests from our constituents, including local elected officials such as mayors, this executive order has the practical effect of limiting taxpayers' ability to influence the ways the Federal Government spends tax dollars.

Madam Speaker, the drafters of the Constitution gave Congress the powers of the purse because the drafters feared that allowing the branch of government charged with

executing the laws to also write the Federal budget would concentrate too much power in one branch of government. The founders correctly viewed the separation of the lawmaking and law-enforcement powers as a vital safeguard of liberty. Whenever the President blatantly disregards orders from Congress as to how Federal funds should be spent, he is undermining the constitutional separation of powers.

Congress has already all but ceded its authority to declare war to the executive branch. Now we are giving away our power of the purse. Madam Speaker, the logical conclusion of the arguments that it is somehow illegitimate for Members of Congress to control the disbursement of Federal funds in their district is that Congress should only meet one week a year to appropriate a lump sum to be given to the President for him to allocate to the Federal Government as he sees fit.

Madam Speaker, all Members should support efforts to bring greater transparency to the earmarking process. However, we must not allow earmarking reform to distract us from what should be our main priority—restricting Federal spending by returning the Government to its constitutional limitations. I also urge my colleagues not to allow the current hysteria over earmarks to justify further erosion of our constitutional authority to control the Federal budget.

NATIONAL MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in support of H. Res 265, honoring military children during "National Month of the Military Child." While we understand and praise the personal sacrifices our brave men and women make in defending our great nation, we frequently forget about the sacrifices and burdens that children and families face while their parents are serving in the United States Armed Forces.

In peacetime, children of military parents bear the burdens of numerous military moves, both overseas and in the United States. In these moves, they cope with attending several different schools, losing good friends, leaving good communities, and typically have parents who cannot attend their sporting events, music recitals, and other after school activities. The military duty is a 24–7, 365-day commitment for the soldier and also their families.

In wartime, children of deployed military parents spend every day living in fear of the unknown. When will my mom or dad return? Will they be severely injured? Will they be killed? In years past, military children often faced one deployment lasting anywhere from 4 to 18 months. However, in today's long Global War

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on Terror, many military members and families are facing their second, third, or fourth deployments.

The impacts of these additional and prolonged separations are not clear and may have lasting adverse effects on military children and families. When military members return from deployments, we focus on the impact of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; we also need to study and analyze the impacts of traumas created by war and deployments on the children of these military parents.

The children of military members play a vital role in the defense of this country. Their contributions and sacrifices have not gone unnoticed. This is our opportunity as a Nation to recognize their dedication and support. We honor our brave men and women in the Armed Forces who have dedicated their lives to defending our freedoms, but we must also pay great tribute to the children and the families of soldiers, who bear the burden of their tremendous sacrifice.

I encourage my colleagues to support this important resolution and am pleased that today the House recognizes the role of the military children.

HONORING MICHAEL ANTHONY
LIERMANN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael Anthony Liermann of Kansas City, Missouri. Michael 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 1009, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAMES AND
ALICE RAE SMALLEY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor my good friends James and Alice Rae Smalley by entering their names in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. I rise today to honor James and Alice Rae Smalley for their contributions to the Southern Nevada community, and commend them on receiving the honor of having an elementary school named after them in the Clark County School District.

James began his teaching career within the school district in 1949 where he taught math at the Fifth Street School in Las Vegas. He later transferred to the Jefferson School in North Las Vegas where he taught Social Studies. After teaching at Jefferson, James taught at Henderson Junior High where he taught for 29 years. While teaching, he served as the President of the Henderson Teachers Association, and continued to be an active member throughout the Henderson community. James was also active in Nevada politics and along with his wife Alice Rae, served as campaign managers for former Governor Grant Sawyer and Ralph Denton. In 1970, Jim successfully ran for Nevada State Assembly where he served on the Assembly Education and Government Affairs Committees.

Alice Rae was born and raised in Caliente, Nevada where she attended the University of Colorado and obtained a bachelor's degree in nursing, becoming the first member of her family to go to college. Along with her husband, Alice Rae was politically active within the State of Nevada, and served two terms on the Nevada State Welfare Board during Governor Grant Sawyer's term. In 1962, she became a nurse for Paradise Elementary, Ullom Elementary, and Whitney School. She dedicated much of her time to help define the role of school nurses within the Clark County School District. She worked for the Clark County School District until she retired in 1988.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the accomplishments of James and Alice Rae Smalley for their dedication to the Southern Nevada Community. I commend them for their contributions and would like to congratulate them on an elementary school being named in their honor by the Clark County School District.

HONORING DADA J.P. VASWANI

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dada J.P. Vaswani, the spiritual head of Sadhu Vaswani Mission in Pune, India. Dada visits my Congressional District from India on a mission to bring peace, grace and compassion. It is with these qualities that he imparts through word and action to thousands of people in countries all over the world.

Today, Dada J.P. Vaswani is the spiritual head of The Sadhu Vaswani Mission, and also the inspiring force behind its myriad activities.

Dada Vaswani is universally acclaimed as a humanitarian, philosopher, educator, acclaimed writer, powerful orator and spiritual leader. He has been a voice for animal rights and has captivated the hearts of millions worldwide. In the eyes of many, Dada is a man who symbolizes the true spirit of India as a harbinger of love, peace and hope.

At a time when this country knows all too well the devastation of war, Dada J.P. Vaswani is a force of peace. I rise to honor all peace-loving people, and hope that the example of Dada Vaswani will prevail around the world.

NEWBORN SCREENING SAVES
LIVES ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, as an OB-GYN I take a back seat to no one when it comes to caring about the health of newborn children. However, as a Representative who has taken an oath to uphold the Constitution, I cannot support legislation, no matter how much I sympathize with the legislation's stated goals, that exceeds the Constitutional limitations on Federal power or in any way threatens the liberty of the American people. Since S. 1858 violates the Constitution, and may have unintended consequences that will weaken the American health care system and further erode medical privacy, I must oppose it.

S. 1858 gives the Federal bureaucracy the authority to develop a model newborn screening program. Madam Speaker, the Federal Government lacks both the constitutional authority and the competence to develop a newborn screening program adequate for a nation as large and diverse as the United States. Some will say that the program is merely a guide for local hospitals. However, does anyone seriously doubt that, whatever the flaws contained in the model eventually adopted by the Federal Government, almost every hospital in the country will scrap their own newborn screening programs in favor of the Federal model? After all, no hospital will want to risk losing Federal funding because they did not adopt the "federally approved" plan for newborn screening. Thus, this bill takes another step toward the nationalization of health care.