

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN H. ADAMS FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, today I want to honor John H. Adams, executive director of the Pittsburgh Regional Minority Purchasing Council, who will be retiring after 25 years of distinguished service.

John Adams has devoted his energy and skills over the past quarter century to increasing opportunities for minorities to participate fully in the U.S. economy as entrepreneurs and business leaders. He had been a driving force in the Pittsburgh area in the struggle to sweep away the still lingering effects of racial discrimination. His work has been instrumental in opening doors to men and women who for too long had been denied a chance to compete fairly in our society.

Mr. Adams will be honored at a luncheon on Friday, June 16, in Pittsburgh at the Allegheny Club. He has served longer than any other council director in the 47-member national organization and is highly regarded around the country as the dean of directors. The Business Resource Center was formed in 1972 under the auspices of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development to develop a program for corporations to increase their purchasing with minority businesses. The conduit organization, The Regional Minority Purchasing Council, has served as the catalyst for purchasing agents in Pittsburgh to increase minority participation in providing and bidding on goods and services contracts. The corporate membership of 100 firms includes Westinghouse, ALCOA, Allegheny General Hospital, The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and the major area financial institutions.

John Adams has also been active in the Pittsburgh area as a civic leader. He made Pittsburgh and Rotary International history, when in 1979 and 1980, he served as president of the Pittsburgh Rotary Club, one of the largest rotary clubs in the United States. Throughout his life, John Adams has excelled at breaking through longstanding barriers and providing a role model for others in his community.

Mr. Speaker, John Adams deserves to be commended for his outstanding effort to break down barriers to African-Americans, women, and others in our society who have long been denied fair opportunities to participate fully in the benefits of our Nation's free enterprise system. It is fitting that the U.S. House should have this time to reflect on the work of John Adams and the continuing need to ensure that all Americans can compete fairly for a chance to succeed as businessmen and women.

BUDGET CUTS AFFECT REAL PEOPLE

HON. FRANK TEJEDA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TEJEDA. Mr. Speaker, on June 6, the San Antonio Express-News published an editorial reminding all of us, particularly here in Congress, that budget cuts affect real people. The article appropriately points out that the seemingly abstract reductions being debated in Washington these days will have a concrete impact on the people back in our districts. The editorial painfully describes the impact of a \$40,000 reduction in Federal money on the services provided by San Antonio's Sexual Assault Crisis and Resource Center.

Mr. Speaker, as we begin consideration of the large budget reductions being proposed and the spending priorities of the Federal Government, we, as representatives of the people, must constantly remember the impact our actions will have on the hundreds of thousands of people in my district and the hundreds of millions in those of my colleagues. The text of the editorial is set forth below.

BUDGET CUTTING HITS REAL PEOPLE

"A billion dollars here, a billion there—eventually it adds up to real money," the late U.S. Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen, R-Ill., used to grouse when freespending Democrats forgot that they were doling out real dollars paid by real taxpayers.

His political heirs, now in the majority in both houses of the 104th Congress, rightly understand that they are spending real money. What they need also to recognize just as clearly is that congressional spending—and cuts in it—affect real people, too.

A good example locally is the impact earlier federal spending cuts already are having on San Antonio's Sexual Assault Crisis and Resource Center.

The center which also receives state, United Way and other private funding, lost \$40,000 in federal money for fiscal year 1995, San Antonio Express-News Staff Writer Marina Pisano recently reported.

Those cuts came before the Republicans—committed to even deeper cuts in the federal budget—took control of Congress.

Unlike the billions of dollars Dirksen accused congressional Democrats of mindlessly squandering, \$40,000 may not seem like much money. But its impact on real people is proving to be significant.

As reported rapes increase dramatically in the Alamo City—during the first quarter of 1995, up 37.5 percent from a year ago—the crisis center will be able to serve fewer clients because of the cut in federal funding.

The center will have to rely more heavily on private funding.

Unfortunately, though, donations from nongovernment sources, particularly foundations, are significantly down, said Rita Velasquez, the center's acting director.

The private sector will be increasingly hard-pressed to make up the difference caused by ever-deeper cuts in government spending at all levels. Real people with real

needs and real problems—not just nameless, faceless statistics—will suffer accordingly.

Congressional budget writers should never forget this very real impact that their decisions have on so many real Americans.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND GEORGE S. FLEMING

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to a man who has given so much to his church and his community, Baileys Crossroads, VA. Father George Fleming is retiring after serving 27 years as the priest at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Reverend George S. Fleming, born in 1930 in Brooklyn, NY, received his B.A. from Brooklyn College [CUNY] in 1953, and graduated from Philadelphia Divinity School, Philadelphia, with honors in 1956.

Following ordination as an Episcopal priest in 1956, he served as curate of St. Andrew's Church, Williston Park, NY, 1956–58, where he was a founding member of the Williston Rotary Club and member of the Anglican Society.

During his 27 years at St. Paul's he served as a member, and often convener, of Baileys Ministerial Fellowship, as a member of the Falls Church Kiwanis Club, a founder and member of the board of the Bethany House of Northern Virginia; board member, HOPE of Northern Virginia; member of the board of trustees of Goodwin House; field education supervisor, Virginia Theological Seminary; and regional dean of the Diocese of Virginia from 1991–94. He also led the effort for use of St. Paul's Church as a location for the Fairfax Community Action Program academy for drop-out youth in 1970, and for the Northern Virginia Hispanic Ministry of the Episcopal Church.

Due to the tragic death of a homeless man on Christmas Eve, 1983, Reverend Fleming served as chairman of the Christian Emergency Temporary Shelter, an organization of churches that provided care for homeless people during the winters of 1984 and 1985. This group served as impetus for the founding of the Baileys Community Shelter for the Homeless. Reverend Fleming has served continually on the board of the shelter.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to this fine man who has given so much of his time and energy to help make his community a better place to live. Without Father George Fleming's leadership, Baileys Crossroads would be a far different place. I know my colleagues join me in thanking George Fleming for his selfless contribution to his church and community and we wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

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