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WILLIAMS D. EVANS: DAYTON INVENTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO ENDING WORLD WAR II

### HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 3, 1995

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call to the attention of my colleagues the achievements of William Deane Evans and his contribution to ending World War II. Mr. Evans is a resident of Madison Township in the Third Congressional District of Ohio, which I represent.

Mr. Evans developed an improvement to the bombsight that was used on the Enola Gay on its historic mission 50 years ago this month that helped bring a speedy end to World War II. The improved bombsight was also used on the Bockscar, which is on display at the United States Air Force Museum in my district.

Mr. Evans, an innovative engineer, was responsible for numerous other technological developments in aviation that improved the fighting capabilities of our airmen during World War II and later. These inventions include the automatic parachute opener and a bag to protect downed flyers in freezing weather.

Last year, the Dayton Daily News ran an article by Dale Huffman detailing some of the achievements by Mr. Evans. For the benefit of my colleagues, the article is reprinted here.

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DAYTONIAN'S BOMBSIGHT AIDED U.S.

(By Dale Huffman)

Things were cloaked in top secrecy, and it was two years after World War II ended before William Deane Evans found out he had played a strategic role in one of history's gruesome turning points.

His contribution was created in a three-car garage behind a home in the 600 block of Volusia Avenue in Oakwood.

It was there in 1944 that Evans, a 29-year-old engineer, was commissioned for a special assignment by the bomb control department at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. In that garage, he worked for Kendal Clark, an engineer who later invented the automatic washer for Frigidaire in Dayton. Evans developed a bombsight. It was used on the Enola Gay, a B-29 aircraft, to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, 49 years ago this month.

Evans is 79 now and lives on Brenton Drive in Madison Twp. with Helen, 78 his wife of 55 years. Their home is cluttered with possessions and mementos, and photographs that document their years together.

But there are no photos, no blueprints no prototypes, no physical evidence of the monumental contribution he made for his country in the controversial atomic attack that claimed 130,000 Japanese lives and hastened the end of the war.

Evans is a portly, kindly looking man with a short white beard and thinning snow white hair. He has diabetes and a pacemaker.

But his mind is keen and, at request, he sat down and deftly sketched a hand drawing of the bombsight he developed those years ago.

"They took everything at the time, it was all such top secret," he said. "They locked

the finished plans, the prototype, everything up in some valut somewhere and I have no idea if those items still exist today."

He used a lot of engineering terms as he rambled, but he tried to simplify a description of his device and how it worked.

"Often, on a fairly cloudy time of day, only snatches of clear air were present for the bombardier to fix the sight on the target. Time was crucial. We designed a set of optics tied into the bombsight, which would in effect put crosshairs on the target, instead of in the eye piece.

"To do this, we made the cross of light and focused it at infinity. A light shone through a reticle, which was projected onto a telescope mirror. If the bombardier could see the target, he could swing the sight to fix the cross on the target in the short time the non-clouds permitted him."

His device was used Aug. 6, 1945, when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan surrendered, ending World War II on Aug. 14, after a second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945.

It was in 1947, two years after the bombings and V-J Day, that Evans read about the bombsight in a magazine, recognized it as his work, made some calls and confirmed his sighting mechanism had been used.

"So many little shops were working here in the Dayton area during the war," he said. "Many contributions were being made to the government and to the military.

"The little guys did the behind-the-scenes work. We developed. Then our products were tested by the government, eventually used, quite successfully at least in this case, and then the higher-ups would take the credit. I am not being sarcastic about it," he said, smiling. "It was just done that way."

Evans has known all these years that his device played a big part in the bombings. Yet, he has seldom talked about it, even to family, his wife says. He has never before been interviewed about it for a publication.

As the countdown is now under way to the 50th anniversary of V-J Day, Helen Evans said she thought it was time the world knew about her husband's contribution.

"I initiated this, so that he would get some credit," she said. "All his life, he has been so modest. He is such a fine man and such a hard worker. But he never has gotten his due. He helped change the face of history. In his own way he helped end a war."

Her husband spoke. "I am . . . glad that Harry Truman did what he did. He knew that if he didn't, what we would lose a lot more American men . . . that their blood would flow. Sure we are sorry anyone had to die. But the war had to be stopped. I am behind Mr. Truman in what he did.

"And, quite candidly, I am . . . glad that I was an engineer and able to support my country by developing this bombsight. We all give as we can and we all pull together in war."

Evans got his engineering degree at Ohio State University and spent his life in the profession. From 1970 to 1984, he owned and operated his own company called Plastomatics in Dayton.

"Bill always worked hard, but always was his own man," Mrs. Evans said. "He also trusted a lot of people and was naive in business. He would develop something, or invent something, and someone else would take it and make a lot of money on it.

"Bill has always been a workaholic. He didn't care about making money or building a fortune. He just loved what he did. He worked 80-hour weeks and would forget to come home. He is an incredible person when it comes to dedicating yourself to a challenge."

She smiled and added, "We never had a lot of money. But we have always been happy.

We have always been comfortable. We have had ups and downs, but we have survived. And I love Bill so much for all that he has done. He is a wonderful man who simply wants to know what makes things tick."

Evans smiled, reached over and lovingly tapped his wife's arm.

After a few moments he said, "I guess I feel it's fun to be fooled in this world. But it's . . . more fun to know."

### HONORING DON MOSER UPON HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 3, 1995

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, Don Moser, who has contributed much to my hometown of Murfreesboro, TN. He has been a wonderful source of advice and support over the years, and I wish him well upon his retirement.

Don has served Murfreesboro for many years. From his undergraduate days at Middle Tennessee State University, to serving as president of the local chamber of commerce, Don has contributed time and time again.

He cochaired the recent fund raising drive to secure funds for the chamber's new headquarters building and has been a long time member of the Murfreesboro Water and Sewer Board. Don's love for his community can be seen in his commitment to the Rutherford 20/20 Task Force, which is hard at work planning for the future of Rutherford County.

Most in our community will tell you if you want something done and done right, call on Don and his wife, Jean; they are the busiest people in town. They complement each other well and make an unstoppable team.

The banking community is sure to feel his absence after 38 years as an active leader and friend. He is retiring as regional president of Third National Bank in Murfreesboro.

Don is an avid golfer and I feel sure that many of his free days now will be spent hitting the links. He and Jean plan to do some traveling, as well as spending time with their two grown children, Donald S. and Michelle.

The bank's loss is the community's gain, for he will now have even more time to contribute, and we are grateful. Please join me in congratulating this outstanding individual.

### COMMENDING KEITH JEWEL

#### HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 3, 1995

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, Keith Jewel is just that. For the House of Representatives, he has been a splendid gem for a very long time.

Keith is the one who takes the pictures of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts on the steps of the Capitol. And before one makes too light of that, remember this: to high school kids who visit Washington, the experience lasts forever. The taxpayers got their money's worth from Keith's service. And we have all enjoyed his warm and friendly personality. He goes on now to a well earned retirement. And we wish

him the happiness he has given so many others through the years.

A TRIBUTE TO ALBERT BARNES JR.

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 3, 1995*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fine work and outstanding public service of Mr. Albert Barnes, Jr. Al, a dedicated professional and longtime community activist, is retiring as the southeast California district manager for the United Parcel Service [UPS]. A tribute will be held in his honor on August 24 to recognize his years of service to California's Inland Empire.

Al began his career with UPS as a delivery driver in Dayton, OH in 1967. Two years later, he became a supervisor and in 1972, was named center manager. Al served as a feeder manager, package division manager, and hub division manager before joining the Arizona District as a division manager in 1975. In addition, he has served on a number of special assignments and worked as a member of the UPS Part-Time People Support Committee.

In 1989, Al was named southeast California district manager for UPS, which has become one of the most respected corporate citizens in the region. Al was in charge of the planning, construction, and opening of the largest UPS west coast air hub in Ontario, CA in 1992. To say the least, Al has played an extraordinary and active role in our community. In addition to his outstanding business contributions, Al has been a longtime supporter of and deeply involved with the Boys and Girls Club of the Inland Empire as a member of the board of directors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and Al's family and many friends in recognizing his many fine achievements and selfless contributions. I'd also like to wish Al, his wife Margaret, their daughter, Rebecca, and sons John, Mike, and Ed the very best in the years ahead. Throughout his career, Albert Barnes has touched the lives of many people and it is only fitting that the House of Representatives recognize him today.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN THOMAS MORGAN

**HON. FRANK MASCARA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 3, 1995*

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, I rise with pride today to pay tribute to a man who served the people of Pennsylvania and this Nation for 32 years.

Dr. Thomas Morgan passed away on July 31, 1995. He retired from Congress in 1977, but the memory of "Doc" Morgan will be engraved in American politics, having guided our Nation through significant world events.

We can point with pride to a man who rose to the chairmanship of the prestigious House Foreign Affairs Committee, advising Presidents and Secretaries of State, while never

compromising the integrity of the institution in which he served.

I was pleased to know "Doc" Morgan and honored to now represent the district he once served. After he retired, we regularly kept in touch. He was always a man of his word, with a depth and breadth of knowledge that he maintained all the years of his life.

It is an honor and a privilege to be standing before you today, where he once stood, representing the next generation of southwestern Pennsylvanians.

I hope that I can do credit to his legacy while serving in the U.S. Congress. I extend every sympathy to those who are now grieving his loss. He will not be forgotten.

THREATENED PRESIDENTIAL VETO OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL

**HON. RON PACKARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 3, 1995*

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton has declared his intention to veto the 1996 legislative branch appropriations bill. It should no longer surprise me that the President has once again chosen to put petty politics above the interests of effective and efficient Government, but it does. This is not because the President rarely threatens veto, far from it, in fact, it is beginning to appear that this is the norm. Rather, the President surprises me because there is absolutely no justification, however flimsy, for such a threat.

President Clinton alleges that we are taking care of our own business before we take care of the people's. This is simply not the case. There is nothing unusual about sending the legislative branch bill first. Traditionally, the legislative branch has been done first because it has tended to be the least controversial. Furthermore, all 13 appropriations bills have never been sent to the President at the same time.

The fiscal year 1996 legislative branch appropriations bill is a good piece of work, crafted with the assistance of Democrats and receiving bipartisan support all along the way. The bill sets out to downsize and streamline Government in pursuit of a balanced budget. By providing \$206 million in deficit reduction, it shows that Congress is committed to cutting itself first. The message of this bill that President Clinton does not understand is that reform starts at home. This Congress is committed to achieving a balanced budget and we will not be stopped by a President intent on meddling in the affairs of the House out of petty political motives.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WWJ NEWSRADIO 950

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 3, 1995*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, later this month, on August 20, 1995, America's first commercial radio station, WWJ Newsradio 950, will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. For three

quarters of a century the listeners in metropolitan Detroit have tuned in to 950 AM for news, sports, and entertainment.

Back in 1920, when radio was still in its infancy, and long before television, WWJ was pioneering a new way for people to become and remain informed and entertained. On that historic August 20th, listeners heard: "This is 8MK calling." It was just one of the many firsts for WWJ.

WWJ Newsradio was first to broadcast a news program, election returns, and sports. WWJ was also first to do a play-by-play sportscast live from the scene. On October 25, 1924, Ty Tyson described the University of Michigan's 21 to 0 victory over the University of Wisconsin. WWJ continues to carry U of M football to many fans throughout southeast Michigan. WWJ also broadcast the first play-by-play of a Tiger baseball game on April 19, 1927. The Tigers beat the Cleveland Indians 8 to 5 with famed Tiger Marty McManus making several outstanding plays at second base.

WWJ has a proud heritage and a reputation for integrity and public service. In the words of one of the WWJ newsradio team members, "tradition is exceeded only by our commitment to continued service."

Celebrating a 75th anniversary is a proud milestone. Through the Depression and too many wars, the New Deal and the Great Society, the folks at WWJ have been with us all the way. I applaud WWJ for keeping our community well-informed.

I urge my colleagues to please join me in saluting WWJ on the event of its Diamond Anniversary. The people of metropolitan Detroit have long depended on its role in the community and we hope the next 75 years will continue to be as successful.

CREATING A 21ST GOVERNMENT

**HON. STEVEN SCHIFF**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 3, 1995*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, in our recent series of field hearing on creating a 21st government, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight traveled to Cleveland, OH. Members heard testimony from several experts in the field of government restructuring.

One of our panelists was the Mayor of Philadelphia, Edward Rendell, who described the structure of the city of Philadelphia's government when he took office in January 1992. He concluded that:

The city was operating with management systems that were designed for a different era. The city's budget process, personnel system, contracting process, management hierarchy, and information system were layered with unwieldy, bureaucratic practices that did not encourage innovative and effective management of limited resources.

As a public servant myself, I have watched our Federal Government structure grow out of control for decades. Perhaps we can learn from these cities and apply some of their successful reorganization methods to the Federal Government. Republican members of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight remain dedicated to creating a Government structure through innovation, revitalizing management practices, and distinguishing the