

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## THE TIBETAN FREEDOM CONCERT

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 1996*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues an important event which is taking place in San Francisco this weekend. The Tibetan Freedom Concert, a 2-day music festival for a free Tibet, begins this Saturday in Golden Gate Park. More than 20 well-known popular music artists, from the Beastie Boys and the Smashing Pumpkins to bay area natives Pavement, have donated their time and their talent to draw attention to the plight of the Tibetan people.

Leading the way to inspire our youth is a San Francisco-based organization called the Milarepa fund which publicizes and supports the Tibetan peoples' nonviolent struggle for freedom. The Milarepa fund's diligent efforts to promote human rights in China are making an important contribution to furthering public awareness of the Tibetan tragedy, and they are reaching out to the next generation to help them develop an understanding of human rights violations throughout the world.

I urge my colleagues to follow the example being set by the thousands of young women and men who will be attending the Freedom Concert. They have taken it upon themselves to learn more about the terrible human rights violations that the Chinese Government inflicts daily upon the citizens of Tibet. They are concerned about the deforestation of the Tibetan Plateau. They are outraged by the ongoing pattern of forced abortions and sterilization of Tibetan women. And they are mobilizing to stop the continuing genocide of the Tibetan people.

Among the actions being suggested is a boycott of Chinese goods in order to send a clear message to the government in Beijing that their actions are reprehensible. Household items marked "Made in China" are often manufactured in forced labor camps by political prisoners who have been jailed for doing nothing more than expressing their opinions or practicing their religious beliefs. The boycott is helping consumers learn about the interdependence of economics, politics, and their everyday actions. The sooner we understand this interdependence, the sooner we can ensure basic human and environmental rights throughout the world.

I comment the organizers of this concert, the artists who are performing and the activists who labor every day to advance the cause of human rights around the globe. They are not alone.

## THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 1996*

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to recognize the 50th anniversary of the National School Lunch Program. In public schools across America, 25 million students receive nutritional meals because of the School Lunch Program. For many children, a school lunch is the only healthy meal they eat all day. School lunches improve children's overall health, thereby increasing their learning capacity and lengthening their attention spans. The School Lunch Program highlights the essential role the Government can play in protecting the health and well-being of our children. As a former teacher, I have firsthand knowledge of what a hot meal can mean to a hungry and distracted student.

It is also my great pleasure to express my gratitude to the dedicated educators, administrators, staff, and parents who have worked to ensure the success of the National School Lunch Program.

The longevity of the program is the result of the partnership between the Federal Government and local communities, working together to feed, educate, and care for our Nation's children.

Therefore, I am delighted to celebrate National School Lunch Week, and I look forward to continued support and funding for this program that is so vital to our children's current health and future growth.

## PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 1996*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, every day, we begin the session of the House of Representatives—the people's House—by reciting the pledge of allegiance. The House has been following this practice for nearly 8 years, since September 1988, and it has become part of the rhythm of this institution.

There is a place, though, Mr. Speaker, where the pledge of allegiance and, indeed, the flag itself are even more at the center of attention than in this Chamber. I am speaking of Fort McHenry, in Baltimore, which stands as a monument honoring the history of the flag, and of our national anthem.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, June 14, is Flag Day and this week is National Flag Week. Each year, the National Flag Day Foundation, which I am proud to say is located in Maryland's Third Congressional District, organizes and participates in a "pause for the pledge" at Fort McHenry, at exactly 7 in the evening on June 14.

The National Flag Day Foundation encourages all Americans to join in the 7 o'clock pause for the pledge. This grassroots concept of national unity started in Baltimore in 1980. It is a wonderful, patriotic program. This simple ceremony provides an opportunity for all Americans, whenever they are, to display simultaneously their love and respect for our flag and our country.

Fort McHenry, of course, is the point from which Francis Scott Key, during the War of 1812, watched "By the Dawn's Early Light" as the American Navy battled for the survival of the young country. Every year at the fort, thousands of Americans are thrilled to see "that star-spangled banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave." For any of my colleagues who have not had the opportunity to visit Fort McHenry, I strongly recommend it as a stirring experience.

Tomorrow evening, at 7 p.m., the National Flag Day Foundation will again celebrate the pause for the pledge. Had we been in session and voting tomorrow, I had hoped to lead the House in the pledge in conjunction with the celebration. Now, since the House will not conduct legislative business tomorrow, I would take this opportunity to urge all my colleagues to make the pause for the pledge part of their Flag Day observation.

It is my pleasure at this point to include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the simple, profound words that every American knows so well.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## A TRIBUTE TO EVA SILVER JOHNSON

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 1996*

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Eva Silver Johnson for her community service and civic leadership. On June 15, 1996, friends and family members will gather in Littleton, NC, to celebrate her 75 years of life.

Mrs. Johnson was born on June 5, 1921, in Hollister, NC, the oldest daughter of Mr. Ben Silver and Mrs. Minnie Burgess Silver. She attended Tabron School in Halifax County and Hawkins High School in Warren County. At the age of 24 she married the late Edward Leonard Johnson, Jr. She worked as a housewife raising four children, Mable, Alice, Edward, and Delores. Mrs. Johnson managed the Edward Ned Johnson, Sr. farm, in Warren County, NC. In 1967, Mrs. Johnson joined the Halifax County School System Food Service Division where she worked for 19 years retiring in 1986.

Today, Mrs. Johnson is the part-time assistant manager of the Littleton Community Senior

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Center providing social services to seniors in Halifax and Warren Counties. She is also a member of the board of directors of the Twin County Rural Health Association in Essex, NC, and a member of American Legion Post No. 425 Women's Auxiliary in Littleton, NC. Mrs. Johnson is a life member of Lee's Chapel Baptist Church, in Littleton, NC, where she has been president of the Missionary Circle for the last 30 years. She has seven grandchildren, one daughter-in-law, two sons-in-law, three sisters, and six brothers.

Mr. Speaker, I join in the celebration with the friends and family members of Mrs. Eva Silver Johnson as they celebrate her 75th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH B. ALSTON,  
SR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the contribution of Joseph B. Alston, Sr. He is the president of the Brooklyn Branch of the NAACP. Joseph is a graduate of the Metropolitan School of Horology and the New York School of Gemology. He is also the founder and owner of the Alston's Jewelers, Plaques, Trophies, and Award Medals, located at 1393 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY.

Joseph is a member of Bridge Street AME Church and is a senior steward, in addition to being a member of the male chorus and president of the South Carolina Club. His other organizational memberships include the Bride Street Business Association and the economic development committee.

Mr. Alston's business and community involvement is an integral part of his life. He is a board member of the Medgar Evers College and participates on the community advisory board of the Bedford/Stuyvesant Community Mental Health Center, Inc. Among his other endeavors, Joseph Alston educates African-American youth about the merits of entrepreneurship and owning your own business. He is also active in promoting antidrug awareness. I am proud to introduce Joseph B. Alston, Sr., to my House colleagues.

TOBACCO SUBSIDIES

HON. RANDY TATE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TATE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to address the House today on the important matter of tobacco subsidies.

In the November 1994 elections, the American people voted for a Congress that would balance the budget, scrutinize every cent the Federal Government spends and examine every Federal program, including corporate welfare.

This Congress is serious about ridding the Tax Code of ridiculous corporate welfare breaks. We are working hard to lower spending and to put more money back into your pocket. Corporate welfare must end, my constituents demand nothing less.

Last year, during consideration of the fiscal year 1996 agriculture appropriations bill, I voted for a Durbin amendment to eliminate two major programs that benefit the tobacco industry—Federal crop insurance for tobacco farmers and tobacco-related extension services. Mr. DURBIN offered a similar amendment this year where the \$25 million in savings derived from cuts in tobacco subsidies will be used to fund programs to ensure that every American family has safe water to drink and to improve telecommunications systems in rural areas. I support this amendment.

In an era of deficit reduction, when we are working hard to balance the budget and lower taxes for American families, the Government should not continue to subsidize a prosperous tobacco industry.

The time for cheating our children has ended. The time to balance the budget has arrived. America's future requires a new dialog and a new partnership with the American people. That is what I am dedicated to achieve, and that is why I have consistently voted to end egregious corporate welfare programs that take money away from hard-working Americans and give it to wealthy corporations.

Mr. Speaker, it is very difficult to justify a program that benefits the tobacco industry while hurting American families. For this reason, I have opposed tobacco subsidies in the past and will oppose tobacco subsidies in the future.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES A. STRAWDER,  
JR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge an individual with a longstanding commitment to the Brooklyn community and has dedicated a great part of the last 15 years of his practice of architecture to the problems and tasks of rebuilding and revitalizing the urban community's housing and commercial fabric.

James A. Strawder, Jr. was raised and educated in Brooklyn, and has been an eyewitness to the physical deterioration of Brooklyn's unique communities and beautiful building stock. Once attractive and vibrant neighborhoods such as east New York and Brownsville have fallen prey to the ravages of social and economic neglect, as have so many of this Nation's urban communities. It's been the mission of his firm, working in concert with many other concerned professional and community organizations, to attempt to make a positive impact on restoring the housing and commercial reserves, and in doing so, giving back some of the riches given to him.

Mr. Strawder attended public school in Brooklyn, graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School and Columbia University's School of Architecture, where he received his bachelor of architecture degree. He is presently registered to practice in the States of New York, New Jersey, and Florida and is a certified member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards [NCARB]. I am proud to introduce James A. Strawder, Jr. to my House colleagues.

SALUTING LT. COL. RICHARD  
SEYMOUR (RET.)

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, after joining my fellow Americans in remembering our Nation's veterans this past Memorial Day, I would like to take an opportunity to recognize the passing of one particular individual who served this Nation for over 20 years. On Thursday, May 30, retired Lt. Col. Richard Seymour lost a difficult battle with illness, but I rise today to call attention to life's victories.

Richard Seymour was born on August 20, 1950. He spent his childhood in Oklahoma, Florida, and Texas, graduating from Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio. He then attended Southwest Texas State University where he was enrolled in the Air Force ROTC program and received his degree in education. Upon graduation he was commissioned as 2d lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. Richard Seymour's service to this Nation was impeccable. As an Air Force pilot, he logged over 6,000 flight hours including missions which transported this Nation's top military leaders as well as Members of Congress. Throughout his military service, Richard Seymour received many commendations, too many to list, but each a distinguished mark of honor on his journey to the rank of lieutenant colonel at which he retired. His proudest mission was assisting in the repatriation of foreign citizens in Kuwait at the outbreak of the Persian Gulf war.

Upon retirement, lieutenant colonel Seymour continued service to this Nation. He began a second career in the classroom, returning to San Antonio and focusing his energy on the education of tomorrow's leaders. We feel sorrow and loss that his time with our Nation's children was cut short.

Mr. Speaker, in light of knowing that Richard Seymour touched so many lives in as many ways, I ask that my colleagues join me in offering our most sincere respect and thanks to the service of Lt. Col. Richard Seymour and that when the House adjourns today it do so in his memory and honor.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE KUANG-CHAO  
TUNG

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the work and service of Mr. George Kuang-Chao Tung, president of C-2 Printing & Photostats Corp. in Brooklyn.

Six years ago, Mr. Chao-Tung, without any advertising, witnessed his business prosper because of his gracious and friendly personality. His reliability has earned him a loyal clientele base, and critical corporate projects from companies such as Gas Energy Inc. and Chase Manhattan Bank. According to his customers, Mr. Chao Tung provides consistent and unparalleled services to the Brooklyn area.

In addition to his entrepreneurial success, Mr. Chao-Tung is a tireless contributor to his community.