

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FACILITIES OF THE MINIDOKA PROJECT TO THE BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. MICHAEL D. CRAPO

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. Speaker, I'm introducing this bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain facilities at the Minidoka project to the Burley Irrigation District.

In 1926, under contract with the Bureau of Reclamation, Operation and Maintenance of the Distribution System of the Southside Pumping Division of the Minidoka Project was transferred to Burley Irrigation District. The district has operated and maintained the distribution system ever since.

In the early 1950's the main southside canal and certain electrical distribution lines were transferred for operation and maintenance to Burley Irrigation District as well. In addition to those transfers the district agreed, under its contracts, to pay to the United States the construction costs incurred in constructing the project and the Minidoka Dam.

It also agreed to pay its proportionate share of the construction costs of storage facilities in which the irrigation district attained a right to all water stored in the space acquired by the district in the reservoir.

At this time, the Burley Irrigation District has paid in full all construction costs allocated to the district in the storage facilities and all costs incurred in the construction of the distribution system operated and maintained by the district.

For 70 years the Burley Irrigation District has demonstrated its competence in operating and maintaining the facilities proposed for title transfer. Clearly they have the technical capability to meet both their physical and financial obligations.

For these reasons I am introducing this bill to convey title to the Burley Irrigation District, of Federal reclamation distribution facilities.

IN HONOR OF TEMAS MAGAZINE AND ANA MARIA PERERA FOR EXCELLENT SERVICE TO THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Tamas, a predominantly Hispanic entertainment magazine and Ana Maria Perera, Tamas' associate publisher and senior editor, for excellent service to the Hispanic community. The National Association of

Cuban-Americans will hold a reception in their honor on November 3, 1996 in Newark.

In November 1950, Jose and Lolita de la Vega founded a magazine that became one of the most entertaining and highly praised Hispanic magazines in the country. Tamas began as a small pamphlet-sized magazine and flourished into a widely read journalistic entity. Through its representation of the Hispanic way of life in its informative, educational, and entertaining publications, Tamas has greatly enriched the lives of its multicultural audience.

Tamas celebrated the anniversary of its inception in November 1995. For 45 years, Tamas has been providing the Hispanic community with vital information about the world around them and their native lands. Tamas prides itself as an advocate for the Hispanic community, defending issues and interests that are of importance to the people. As the oldest Spanish-language magazine in New York City, it has been a podium for the important topics and issues of New York's Hispanic community.

As senior editor for Tamas magazine, Ana Maria Perera has been able to communicate with and touch the lives of her fellow Hispanic brothers and sisters. She has been a pioneer and a lifelong defender for the advancement of Hispanic women and other humane causes. The founder of the National Association of Cuban-American Women, as well as a member of other women's rights organizations, Mrs. Perera has worked tirelessly to enhance and change the lives of Hispanic women as we approach the 21st century.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Tamas magazine and Ana Maria Perera for their outstanding devotion to the Hispanic community. The publication of this periodical and the people who make it possible serve as shining examples of the highly respected journalistic integrity.

HONORING GEFF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Geff Community Consolidated School District No. 14, Geff, IL, located in my congressional district, for having been ranked by the Illinois Tax Foundation as being among the top school districts in the State of Illinois.

The Illinois Tax Foundation, a nonpartisan organization, analyzed the standardized test performance of each Illinois school district for the years 1993-95. Each district was compared with similar Illinois districts, based on the percentage of low-income students in all districts. Despite the fact that this school district has a very high enrollment of low-income students, its academic performance far surpassed larger school districts with a high enrollment of upper-income students.

This is a tribute to the outstanding leadership of the school officials and the dedication and deep commitment of the teachers to providing their students with the best education possible. I commend them for their invaluable contribution to ensuring our children become productive members of society and extend my congratulations to all of them for their remarkable achievement.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLOTTE A. WATSON BY CONGRESSWOMAN NITA LOWEY

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Charlotte Watson on her 10th anniversary as executive director of My Sister's Place in Tuckahoe, NY. I know that I speak for everyone in Westchester County when I thank Charlotte for her dedication and commitment to ending the epidemic of domestic violence. She has truly made Westchester County a safer place for women and children.

For 20 years Charlotte has been a leading advocate for survivors of domestic violence. Since 1976, when Charlotte founded the Grayson County Women's Crisis Line in Sherman, TX, she has dedicated her life to helping survivors of domestic violence, childhood sexual assault, and rape.

Charlotte has served on many boards, committees and coalitions to assist battered women in both Westchester and New York City. These include the National Organization of Women, New York State Task Force on Domestic Violence & Childhood Sexual Abuse, the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Womenscare Inc., the National Council for Safe Families, and the Battered Women's Justice Center at the Pace University School of Law and New York State's Governor's office.

Under Charlotte's leadership, My Sister's Place has grown into one of the leading providers of shelters and services for victims of domestic violence in the New York City area. To date, My Sister's Place has answered more than 13,897 hotline calls and sheltered more than 1,353 women and 1,901 children.

My Sister's Place has residential facilities in Yonkers and Mamaroneck, and provides educational programs and counseling services throughout Westchester County. Its community education program reaches 4,000 people every year, and its educational programs for students reach 5,000 young people annually.

Charlotte Watson has had a positive impact on Westchester County, and has improved the lives of countless women and children. I congratulate Charlotte on her 10th anniversary at My Sister's Place, and hope that in the next 10 years we reach our mutual goal of ending domestic violence once and for all.

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