

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS ACT— VETO OVERRIDE ATTEMPT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 4, 1996

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, we have all heard from our constituents about the Government shutdown. Closure of our National Parks and Forests has attracted a great deal of attention. In my district—where we have National Park Service units and national forest land—over 500 Federal workers have been furloughed. Those that are at their jobs are working without pay.

However, the situation is even worse for those who rely on visitors to western North Carolina for their business. Concessioners, for instance, are private enterprises and are losing money because of the reduction in tourists to our area. These people will not receive the back pay that the Federal workers will be getting.

I was extremely disappointed that President Clinton vetoed our bill on December 18. As you know, we worked very hard to craft a bill that the administration could support—one that addressed the concerns expressed by various administration Representatives. I don't know if the President was even aware of what was in this bill—I think he simply vetoed it to pander to the more radical environmental groups who claimed it would severely damage the environment.

But of course these claims are completely false. This bill does not harm to our natural resources; in fact, it addresses many concerns expressed by this administration.

This bill increases funding for the National Park Service's operations and maintenance. We are well aware of the backlog of needed projects in our National Parks—basic projects like updating the sewage system at Certain Park sites or upgrading Visitor Centers. This bill will allow those projects to be completed.

This bill also provides additional funds for our country's Native Americans. The administration requested \$110 million more be added to the Senate's \$3.5 billion for Indian affairs. We added \$137 million more.

We restored the mining patent moratorium that the administration requested.

We lowered the ceiling on logging in the Tongass National Forest from 450 million board feet to 418 million board feet.

In fact, we responded as best we could—give the severe budget confines of this bill—to all the administration's concerns. And yet, President Clinton vetoed the bill and jeopardized the livelihood of thousands of Americans.

We keep hearing that a clean CR will fix the current situation. This is not true. A CR is simply a temporary solution. This bill is the true cure. Rather than keeping Federal workers at these Federal agencies guessing about whether they will be shutdown in 2 weeks and then another 2 weeks for the rest of the fiscal year,

this bill will fund the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service for the remainder of the fiscal year—9 months rather than 2 weeks.

Again, I cannot be sure that the President knew of the wonderful things we had in this bill. He listened to the radical leftwing environmental community and vetoed this bill to pander to them. Let us not continue this terrible travesty. Support this bill, vote to override the President's veto and let us put these fine men and women back to work.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 1995 MIAMI NORTHWESTERN H.S. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Northwestern University isn't the only educational institution by that name making waves in the world of sports. On December 16, 1995 the Miami Northwestern High School Bulls football team captured Florida's class 6-A state football championship, igniting a burst of pride and jubilation throughout all of Liberty City—one of Miami's oldest and most storied black communities.

Northwestern is the first of Dade's seven predominately black high schools to win a state football championship and the 11th Dade County high school to win a state football championship since 1963—the first year of state playoffs. Northwestern's victory is its first state football championship since 1964 when it won the last of Florida's black high school championships in what was then segregated leagues.

In the east, high school football is a cultural exercise. On the west coast it is a tourist attraction. In the Midwest, it is cannibalism. But in the South, it is religion, and game day is the holy day.

Sports has a way of bringing people and communities together like few events. Some 25,000 fans turned out for the regional football championship game between Northwestern and Carol City High School, and about 6,000 Bulls fans travelled the 250 miles from Miami to Daytona to cheer the Bulls on to victory. This victory, like no other, has pulled this community together bringing generations of Northwestern, Carol City and Central High School graduates from the 1960s to the 1990s together in support of a single cause—community.

In addition to the proven excellence of its athletic program, Miami Northwestern High School consistently leads the state of Florida in sending its players to college. I am proud to join with our entire community in congratulating Miami Northwestern High School for a job well done.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JERRY GHERMAN OF SAN ANTONIO, TX

HON. FRANK TEJEDA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. TEJEDA. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize a distinguished resident of the city of San Antonio, TX. Mr. Jerry Gherman of San Antonio was recognized last night with a dinner for a lifetime of outstanding achievements on behalf of the people of San Antonio, of the State of Texas, and of the United States.

Jerry Gherman has served this city as a fireman for 30 years. It takes discipline, compassion, and courage to fight fires, and Jerry Gherman has those qualities in abundance. But fighting fires was only the start for Jerry, because he was involved in every great matter of public life. And Jerry performs every task with the energy, skill, and dedication that characterizes him.

Jerry started out by serving this Nation in the U.S. Navy. He remains active in veterans affairs as a member of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association and the American Legion. He worked for his fellow firefighters and workers everywhere as legislative director of the San Antonio Professional Firefighters Association. Over his long career in labor, he served as chairman of the committee on political education and both first and second vice president of the San Antonio Central Labor Council of the AFL-CIO.

Throughout his career, Jerry has been outspoken about his beliefs and worked hard to make them into reality. He has worked in many political campaigns in San Antonio, the State of Texas, and the Nation. But he does not just walk away after the campaign: Jerry remains involved, working hard with the city council and the State legislature to improve conditions and benefits for his fellow firefighters. Jerry was also instrumental in helping fire departments across the State, serving on the Texas Commission of fire commission's allocation advisory committee.

But on top of his hard work at the San Antonio Fire Department, and his dedication to his fellow workers, Jerry has always been deeply concerned and active in education and in helping young people. He has served as coordinator of Cub Scout Troop 360, and has compiled over 10 years of service as a coach for the Catholic Youth Organization. He was a member of the Holy Name Elementary School Board and as a member of the San Antonio Archdiocesan School Board, in each case donating 6 years of service. He is also a member of the board of St. Gerard's Catholic High School, where, in addition, he coached the girls' softball team. In addition, he is a member of the Holy Name Catholic Church Men's Club.

Over the past 30 years Jerry Gherman has truly compiled a record of achievement and involvement in the life of his community, his State, and his Nation, which is worthy of recognition by this Congress. In addition to his

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public life, Jerry has shown this community a beautiful example of someone who does not let involvement in work, politics, and community affairs interfere with his dedication to his family. No matter how busy, Jerry has always been a caring husband to his wife Linda Gherman, and a devoted father to his children, Ron Robin, and Ryan Gherman.

In all, Jerry Gherman is a remarkable American. He is truly an example to all of us, accomplishing the things that we of this Nation hold in greatest esteem: He served in our country in uniform, he works to save lives, he has a vision of what his fellow workers need and has fought with skill and passion to make their lives better, he gives generously of his experience and time to the young people of his community and to the church of his beliefs, and he has supported and loved his family throughout a very active and committed life. I am proud to call Jerry Gherman a friend and it is an honor to ask that this Congress recognize him as the great and generous man that he is.

JIM LACY'S RETIREMENT: A LOSS FOR OUR STUDENTS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great friend, teacher, and leader for our children and community in Wolfe County, KY.

For almost 30 years, Jim Lacy has served the students and families of Wolfe County as a teacher, administrator, and county superintendent.

As a teacher for more than 24 years, he taught almost every class and knew every student. He also served as the high school's basketball and baseball coach, teaching our children not only the value of education, but of physical fitness, competition, and sportsmanship.

After 2 years as the principal of the Wolfe County Middle School, Jim was hired by the board of education to become superintendent of schools.

During his 4 years of service, he has been a strong supporter of our schools and the need for constantly improving our education system.

In addition to educating our children, Jim also worked closely with the Kentucky State Conservation Service to help our communities. He has served as an excellent representative in visits to Washington, DC, Frankfort, and other States as an advocate for eastern Kentucky.

Jim Lacy is a leader. He has molded our children as a role model and example of leadership for a long time. And now, as he teaches and leads a second generation of students—the children of his former students—Jim Lacy will always stand out because of his commitment to excellence.

Many of his students have enjoyed their time with Jim Lacy. For his loyal service, we are all grateful.

Good luck, Jim, and may your retirement be long and enjoyable.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE W. LITTLE, BUSINESS, COMMUNITY, AND CIVIC LEADER

HON. DAVID FUNDERBURK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the major accomplishment of Moore County civic and political leader, George W. Little. Few people have as long a list of business, civic, and political activities or of recognitions and awards.

Mr. Little grew up in Southern Pines, NC where he attended public school. Following that he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is married to Teena S. Little who is a State Senator. His three children are Cynthia Little Frazier, Lindsay Evans Little, and George Wesley Little, Jr. George Little is a member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines.

Mr. Little is a leading insurance consultant and broker who also served as Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources. In business activities he is a member of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Board of Directors; the Sanford Association of Life Underwriters; the Pinehurst Area Convention and Visitors Bureau; and the North Carolina Board of Economic Development [vice chairman].

George Little is truly a community leader in civic activities. He serves as a member of the Sandhills area Chamber of Commerce, the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, and the Southern Pines Elks Lodge. Most notably for over two decades, he has served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Sandhills Community College, one of North Carolina's finest. And reflecting his statewide leadership role in community college education, he is chairman of the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees Executive Committee.

His past civic, business, and political activities are far too numerous to mention. In Republican politics he has been a kingmaker for some 25 years. For example, he has served as Moore County GOP Chairman for several terms, as the North Carolina GOP Finance Chairman, as a member of the North Carolina GOP Executive and Central Committees; and as a Delegate to the Republican National Convention. And he has served as finance and/or political member of many GOP Lieutenant Governor, Governor, and Presidential campaigns.

Some of George Little's most notable awards and recognition were: Honorary Associate in Humanities Degree from Sandhills Community College; National Sales Achievement Awards; North Carolina Jaycees Outstanding State Chairman Award; North Carolina Outstanding Sound Citizens Award; and Outstanding Young Man of the Year of Southern Pines. Additionally his benevolent and humanitarian activities are especially laudable and noteworthy.

In summary, George W. Little merits our thanks and tribute for the outstanding contribution he has made to his community, county, and State. I am pleased to extend personal thanks to a longtime friend and fellow Sandhills native.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of the founding of the city of Milwaukee.

I am proud to be among those who call this beautiful city home. Milwaukee has long been graced with a natural environment that is second to none. Our city is blessed with beautiful parks, a preserved and protected lakefront, and architecture that preserves the richness of our past while looking toward the future.

Long recognized as the workshop of the world, Milwaukee is home to shops and factories that are known worldwide for their craftsmanship and quality. The pride and skill of Milwaukee's working men and women proudly shines through in products which are shipped and sold throughout the world.

Known as much for clean government as for its clean streets, Milwaukee has maintained a tradition of progressive civic leadership throughout its history. With a commitment to a superb quality of life for all citizens, Milwaukee's city government has consistently worked to create and maintain a thriving local economy, safe streets and neighborhoods, and decent and affordable housing for all.

Milwaukee is also rightfully proud of its outstanding institutions of higher learning and of its vibrant and diverse cultural activities. Our city is clearly a great place to live. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the citizens of Milwaukee a happy 150th anniversary.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING GREEN BAY PACKERS AND QUARTERBACK BRETT FAVRE FOR THEIR WINNING WAYS

HON. TOBY ROTH

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I introduce a resolution congratulating the Green Bay Packers football team and its remarkable quarterback, Brett Favre, for their outstanding performances this year.

The Packers, the only League team owned by a municipality, the City of Green Bay, WI, has won its first National Football Conference Central Division title in 23 years.

The team has battled its way into the divisional playoffs, and now face the Super Bowl Champion San Francisco 49ers.

The Packers' quarterback, Brett Favre, has just been recognized as the most valuable player in the entire National Football League [NFL].

Indeed, Mr. Chairman, Brett Favre received 78 percent of the votes cast in bestowing this honor, a margin of enviable magnitude.

My resolution commends the Packers as a team, its coaches, its athletes, its staff, and its loyal fans for the season's hard-fought victories.

It commends Brett Favre for his incredible individual accomplishments.