

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO SISTER ELLEN SPRINGER

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to an outstanding educator who was recently honored for her half century of dedication to the young people of her community.

Sister Ellen Springer, the chair of the Nazareth Academy science department, recently received a Citation for Excellence in Science Teaching from the Pittsburgh Conference Science Week Committee.

Sister Springer first joined the La Grange Park, IL, based school in 1946. In her 50 years with the school, she has helped students adjust to many changes, as the formerly girls Catholic high school became a coeducational institution.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Sister Springer on this important honor and on her five decades of dedicated service helping to shape the minds and spirits of the young people of her community.

CONGRATULATING THE AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION ON ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, the Air Force Sergeants Association [AFSA] is celebrating a special event this month. On May 1, the AFSA turns 35. That is 35 years spent serving the needs of the active and retired members of the Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard.

Created in 1961, AFSA's mission was to provide the Air Force enlisted members a voice on the Hill. Today there number and members have grown. Currently there are 300 AFSA chapters and 160,000 members, but their mission remains the same. To speak to Congress on behalf of their members.

Through the efforts of AFSA, Congress is kept informed on important issues to the active, reserve, and retired Air Force personnel. Programs such as pay raises, dental insurance, colas, mobilization insurance, and adequate housing for service members and their families are just a few examples of AFSA's success.

Today educating Congress is just one way the AFSA works for its members. In 1983, the Airmen Memorial Foundation was established. Through this fund, the AFSA has furthered their members educational goals by providing grants, scholarships, and awards. Having a longstanding tradition myself of wanting the best educated military possible, I applaud AFSA's efforts in this area.

But the AFSA knows that higher education is not for everyone. Some of their members are more interested in starting a new career when their tour is up. To help in this area, the AFSA created the postmilitary employment program. Again providing for the needs of its members.

As the AFSA begins its celebration, I would like to extend my congratulations and wish them another 35 years of success.

HONORING THE RED BOILING SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent on Tuesday, April 30, 1996. Had I voted on H.R. 3008 and H.R. 1824, I would have voted "yes" on both.

STAND UP FOR HEAD START DAY

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the Head Start Program. Since 1965, this program has helped millions of low-income children prepare intellectually, physically, and emotionally for entrance into our school system.

I have spent my career as a Congressman in pursuit of ways to ensure that the paths to success are accessible to all. Head Start represents a program that leads our country closer to this goal by providing low-income children with educational training, as well as hot meals and essential medical services. By emphasizing community and parental involvement in achieving school preparedness, the Head Start Program helps kids take the first step toward achieving self-sufficiency.

I have visited Head Start facilities in my district of Dayton, and have been impressed with the demonstrated success of these projects. During the past few months, I heard from many parents whose children have benefited from enrollment in Head Start, and who expressed their concerns over the future of funding for the program.

Head Start serves as an example of what this country is doing right. It is not a charity program, but the type of empowerment program that is instrumental to breaking the chain of poverty in this country. I am relieved that after months of debate on appropriations for 1996, the final budget package restores funding for this initiative, because we should not allow our children to be defeated before they begin.

HONORING MRS. CARLEAN OWINGS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Carlean Owings, who has dedicated her life's work to the education and nurturing of the children of Fairfax County in the Eleventh district of Virginia. After devoting 36 years to teaching, Mrs. Owings will be retiring this year from Armstrong Elementary School in Reston, VA.

Mrs. Owings started her teaching career in Baltimore, MD, where she taught for 8 years. In 1968, she came to Fairfax County to teach at Mosby Woods, Hunters Woods, and Terraset Elementary Schools before joining the Armstrong faculty in 1986 to teach third-grade students. Outside the classroom, Mrs. Owings continually participated in education development activities and served as a member of both the Virginia and National Education Associations.

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In light of the increasing pressures we place on our educators to not only teach our children reading, writing, and arithmetic, but to discipline and provide guidance to them outside the classroom, Mrs. Owings' unwavering commitment to her student make her a model of excellence in the teaching profession. She promoted a positive classroom and school environment by encouraging her students to build personal relationships with peers, staff, and the community. With her professional and caring attitude, Mrs. Owings has inspired the many achievements of her students as well as the commendations of their parents and her colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues would like to join me in applauding Mrs. Owings for her invaluable contributions to our community and to wish her and her husband much success in their future endeavors.

AMADOR HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNITION

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, they did it again. A remarkable group of students from Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, CA once again made it to the final round of the national "We the People * * * the Citizen and the Constitution" competition after winning the California State championship earlier this year.

Unlike last year, the Amador bunch did not win the national championship. Yet their achievement is no less formidable than it was in 1995. The top three schools were separated by only five points. And the calibre of the East Bay students' knowledge and obvious expertise was beyond question.

Praise for the Amador Team went beyond appreciation for their scholarship. As one competition judge put it, "I've been working with kids a long time, and I've never seen such an energetic, lovable group of kids."

The "We the People" Program encourages analysis and discussion among high school students as they evaluate how the Constitution is best understood within its own historical context and how it applies to current issues. The competition, established by the U.S. Congress and the Department of Education, is an effective way of encouraging young men and women to consider the ongoing importance of the Constitution to our daily lives.

The members of the Amador Valley team and their remarkable coach, civics teacher Skip Mohatt, merit high praise for their determination, dedication to excellence, and commitment to understanding those principles which embody our national life. In taking second place in the national competition, they did not lose. They simply demonstrated that a commitment to knowledge cannot be measured strictly in terms of an award. It is manifested in the way we live our lives, make decisions, and participate in society as members of a free Republic. In such an effort, there can be no true loss.

HONORING THE PUTNAM COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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TRIBUTE TO MARY MANLEY HOWARD

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, May 2, a retirement dinner is being held in honor of Mary Manley Howard. Mrs. Howard is "a woman for all seasons." She has spent all of her life achieving. And through those achievements she has been better prepared to help others.

Mary Manley was born to Susie Manley in Louisburg, NC. Her family had very limited resources yet she was instilled with a sense of pride and accomplishment and was taught that she could be anything she wanted to be if she worked for it.

She knew the value of education and diligently worked to complete hers. During the summer months she would come to Jersey City, NJ, a city in my district, to work in different factories in order to save for a college education. During those summer trips she met and later married Donald Howard. Still committed to obtaining her degree, she returned to North Carolina with her husband and continued her education. She graduated from North Carolina Central University with a bachelor of arts in social studies and library science. Her studies didn't end there. She earned certificates in seven different education areas. She

attended graduate school and graduated from Jersey City State College with a master of arts in reading.

Upon her return to Jersey City, she was employed by the Jersey City Board of Education. Her career in the Jersey City school system has spanned more than 36 years. She has worked as a librarian, a classroom teacher, a reading specialist, and as a title I reading coordinator.

The saying goes, "to get something done ask a busy person." That is certainly true in Mary's case. Not only has she taken care of a family but she has also lent herself to her community. She has been active, very often in leadership roles, with the College Women of Jersey City, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Phi Delta Kappa, the International Reading Association, the New Jersey Reading Association, the National Council of Negro Women, the New Jersey Education Association, the Jersey City Education Association, the Hudson County Education Association, the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Pavonia Girl Scouts of American, Monumental Baptist Church, and she served as a head teacher at summer school and as a volunteer probation officer.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues will join me as I offer congratulations to Mary Manley Howard. I would also like to extend my best wishes to her and her family—her husband, Donald; and her three children, Deborah, Deirdre, and Donald, Junior.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3019, BALANCED BUDGET DOWN PAY- MENT ACT, II

SPEECH OF

HON. CARDISS COLLINS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation, pleased that we finally have something a bit more palatable to the American people in terms of fiscal year 1996 funding levels for education, health, job training, and environmental protection but disappointed that it has taken months, two Government shutdowns, and undue hardship for the citizens of this Nation in order for the Republican leadership in this body to realize that their extreme ideological fervor and authoritarian agenda is not shared by the majority of the population across this country.

Almost 6 months after the fiscal year 1996 appropriations process was to have been completed, the GOP is just now finishing their work. What the heck have the Republicans been doing all this time? Not a whole lot it seems.

Mr. Speaker, the American people have resoundingly said "no" to the Gingrich gang's bloodthirsty budget axe, said "no" to drastic cuts in Federal support or elementary and secondary schools, college loans, summer youth jobs, Head Start, low-income energy assistance, and community policing, and said "no" to protecting polluters who violate our environmental.

Because of these loud voices, the bill before us today restores \$2.8 billion in funding, up to the fiscal year 1995 level, for title I educational