

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SONS OF THE REVOLUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

HON. CARLOS J. MOORHEAD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 1996

Mr. MOORHEAD. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to bring to the attention of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives the 103d birthday of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California, founded in my home State in May 1893.

The Sons of the Revolution was first organized in New York on December 18, 1875, primarily by members of the Society of Cincinnati, the oldest and most revered Revolutionary War group.

The Sons of the Revolution in the State of California was formed on the 8th day of May 1893 and incorporated in the county of Los Angeles 4 days later by members of the New York Society then living in California.

The membership of the Sons of the Revolution is composed solely of the posterity of those individuals who served in the Revolutionary War in a number of vital capacities. In order to be eligible for membership in the history-making Sons of the Revolution, an individual must have had a family member who participated in the Revolutionary Army, Marines, or Navy; served the Continental Congress or the Congresses of any of the Thirteen Colonies that supported the Revolutionary War effort.

As one might expect, Mr. Speaker, the membership rolls of the Sons of the Revolution make for fascinating and famous reading.

Through their various patriotic, historical, and educational activities, this storied organization has and continues to encourage and inspire the people of California and the United States. It continues to honor the memory of those brave individuals who pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor so that all Americans could enjoy the freedoms and liberties established more than 200 years ago under our Constitution and enjoyed by all today.

To a considerable extent, Mr. Speaker, this inspiration and education has been accomplished through the Sons of the Revolution Library, which has operated in my hometown of Glendale for the past 103 years. The library has received no financial support from any governmental agencies. It has been kept open, free-of-charge, to the public in keeping with the purposes of the society to perpetuate the memory of the brave men who fought in the Revolutionary War.

The library with a collection of more than 35,000 volumes, is well-known as one of the largest genealogical and historical collections of its type in California.

The library is not only blessed with a magnificent collection of books and manuscripts, but also houses some exceptionally rare artifacts. These include George Washington's leopard skin saddle pad, one of two remaining

silk flags reviewed by George Washington, early U.S. Navy boarding swords and leather fire buckets from Adm. David G. Farragut's flagship, U.S.S. *Hartford*, just to name a few.

Not only does the library serve as a valuable research tool, it also serves as a meeting place for the Daughters of the American Revolution, the California Society of the War of 1812, the Aztec Club of 1847, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Army and Navy Union of the United States, U.S. Submarine Veterans, Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased and honored to recognize and pay tribute to the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California on their 103d birthday. We only have to travel a short way from our borders to realize how richly blessed we are as a people and a nation. We have liberties and opportunities few in history have enjoyed. For this untold bounty, we owe much to the Sons of the Revolution and their families.

HONORING THE LANCASTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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OF TENNESSEE

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Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic-minded people gave freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

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By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their services and sacrifice.

IN HONOR OF GEN. VANG PAO

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a special leader from the 19th Congressional District, Gen. Vang Pao. He is deserving of the highest commendations for his many contributions to the development of the Hmong and Laotian communities in central California.

In his native country, Gen. Vang Pao served in the military to promote democracy and freedom for the Laotian people. He was a young military leader in the Royal Lao Army in association with the French Government during World War II and the chief military commander of the 2d Military Division in the Northern Provinces of Laos, 1960-75, in partnership with the United States during the Vietnam war. During the war, Gen. Vang Pao's troops helped block the supply line running from North Vietnam through Laos to South Vietnam, and he and his troops helped to save thousands of American lives and rescue hundreds of American pilots who had been shot down near the Vietnam/Laos border.

In 1977, Gen. Vang Pao founded the Lao Family Community and established branches throughout the United States to provide employment services, vocational training, counseling, cultural orientation, health education, English classes, and resettlement services for Southeast Asian refugees. In 1982, he founded the Hmong National Council to preserve Hmong culture and to help the Hmong people in the United States in areas of social adjustment, family services, and integration into the American mainstream. Gen. Vang Pao founded the Lao Movement for Democracy to seek and promote peace, democracy, and human rights for the Southeast Asian nations.

The contributions that Gen. Vang Pao has made to the Hmong and Laotian people of California have been invaluable. He was made a lasting impression on those individuals with whom he has been associated. I am pleased to have him as a constituent in California's Central Valley.

HONORING RICHY RAYMOND

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special fourth grader from Carlton Elementary School of Yamhill County, OR. This exceptional young man took it upon himself to help the victims of the February floods which devastated communities throughout our region.

Richy Raymond believed that he and his classmates could lend a hand and raise

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money for the recovery efforts by donating a penny a day for 10 days. He had anticipated collecting approximately \$45 to contribute to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Richy never anticipated that donations would pour in from his entire school, as well as other schools and communities within Yamhill County. Even places as far away as Bend and Bandon, OR, sent in their heartfelt contributions. To date, Richy's campaign, "Kids Can Help—Pennies Count, Too" has collected a remarkable \$6,000 to help victims of the floods.

Richy is truly a fine example of our youth today and of our great Oregon spirit. As Oregonians continue their efforts to recover from the flooding, I applaud Richy's compassion and dedication, and am privileged to have this opportunity to recognize him before the House of Representatives today.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD BOXER
1996 LUBAVITCH OF WISCONSIN
HONOREE

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, Dr. Richard Boxer who will be honored by Lubavitch House of Wisconsin on Tuesday, June 18, 1996.

In honoring Dr. Richard Boxer, Rick, as he is known to his friends, Lubavitch of Wisconsin is paying tribute to a man who has done so much for the community he loves. He is a man who truly is dedicated to the well-being of others not only in our community, but throughout this country.

Rick is an outstanding doctor, and in 1995 was appointed by President Clinton to the National Cancer Advisory Board, and the National Institutes of Health. He also serves as a senior adviser for health care for the 1996 Clinton-Gore national campaign and was named best urologist in Milwaukee in 1987, 1991, and once again in 1996.

Throughout his career, Rick has published many articles, lectured around the world, won several awards, and still found time to raise a family with his wife Barbara. His dedication to serving others transcends medicine.

Lubavitch programs have helped many people throughout the years by providing to those in need. Its educational commitment, children and youth programs, counseling, and shelter services have been of great importance to our community. Rick has supported Lubavitch and its programs as they aim not only to help those in need, but also to boost awareness and pride in Milwaukee's Jewish community.

Lubavitch of Wisconsin has made a wise choice in honoring Dr. Rick Boxer at their annual Lubavitch celebration. Rick, his wife Barbara, and their children should all feel a sense of pride in receiving this recognition.

Congratulations, Rick, this is an honor that is well deserved.

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TRIBUTE TO JAMES W. NELSON

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my friend and fellow St. Louisan James Nelson, who retired last week as Special Agent in Charge of the FBI for Missouri after a career that has spanned a quarter century. It is fitting to recognize Jim for his work on behalf of his country.

Born and raised in St. Louis, Jim graduated from Southwest High School and then went on to the University of Missouri. In 1964 and 1965, he played professional baseball with the Minnesota Twins. Jim later enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served our country as an artillery officer in Korea.

Jim began his work with the FBI in 1969 as a Special Agent, and from 1976 to 1981, he worked at FBI Headquarters as the Chief of the La Cosa Nostra investigations. Jim was then selected to attend the senior command course at the British Police College in Bramshill, England.

In 1982, Jim was assigned as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Los Angeles office, where he oversaw their narcotics, organized crime, and general criminal operations, as well as managing security for the 1984 Olympics. In 1987, he returned to Washington, DC as chief of the General Crimes

Section, which is responsible for a wide array of sensitive FBI investigations throughout the country. Jim has lectured extensively, and has been an expert witness in numerous trials. Jim was assigned as Special Agent in Charge of the FBI for the State of New Mexico from November 1988 until he assumed his duties in Missouri in June of 1991. He retired last week after 27 years of service to our country to begin a new career in the private sector.

Personally, I have known Jim for more than 30 years. I have the utmost respect and admiration for him and his achievements in fighting crime. I am honored to recognize him here today, and wish him a happy retirement and the best of luck for his new career.

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HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today the House leadership brought to the floor a resolution to establish and fund a select subcommittee to investigate the United States role in Iranian arms transfers to Bosnia and Croatia. This is an excellent example of the type of government spending that the current majority is fond of railing against.

It was public knowledge early in 1994 that Iran was sending arms into Bosnia, and the Republican majority raised no objections. In fact, it was also in 1994 that Congress passed the Defense Authorization Act mandating that the President stop enforcing the arms embargo against Bosnia, making this current Republican effort clearly a cynical political undertaking.

The President's Intelligence Oversight Board has investigated the matter, and concluded that the administration has broken no laws. In addition, three separate investigations of United States policy in Bosnia are currently underway. The new subcommittee would be conducting a fourth investigation at the cost of \$1 million, making it the most expensive subcommittee in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, it seems apparent the House leadership is attempting to establish a new subcommittee to dim the President's foreign policy achievements. They are ignoring their own calls to end frivolous government spending by attempting to establish an unneeded subcommittee. If new House leadership feels so strongly that another investigation into this matter is warranted, at the taxpayers expense, then the International Relations Committee is fully capable of conducting such an inquiry with existing funds. This is a cynical political exercise because it wastes \$1 million of the taxpayers' money.

TRIBUTE TO THE FEDERATION OF
ITALIAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZA-
TIONS OF QUEENS

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OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to rise to pay tribute to the Federation