

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MAJ. GEN. RANDOLPH W. HOUSE,
WENTWORTH COMMISSIONING
SPEECH

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, on May 11, 1996, Maj. Gen. Randolph W. House gave the commissioning ceremony speech at Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, MO. His impressive address should be preserved, and I include herewith a condensed version.

Major General House was the brigade commander of the Blackhawk brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, which received the Valorous Unit Award in the Persian Gulf conflict as a result of the deception attack into Iraq on February 20, 1991.

MAJ. GEN. RANDOLPH W. HOUSE, WENTWORTH
MILITARY ACADEMY COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

I'd like to begin my remarks by emphasizing that it is indeed an honor and privilege to address you here today as you embark on the next phase of your military career.

What a sharp looking group of new lieutenants and cadets you are. I'll try to keep that keen, sharp look in your eyes by keeping these remarks brief and to the point.

It is great to be here in historic Lexington, Missouri, the scene of the famous "Battle of the Hemp Bales" in 1861. It is a humbling experience to walk the ground where brave soldiers struggled and were willing to die for what they believed in.

President Harry Truman said time and again that a nation that forgot its own history was in trouble, and he added, "The only thing new under the sun is the history you haven't learned yet."

I appreciate the opportunity to come to a school where our nation's great military heritage walks hand-in-hand with the present and future.

And today history is being made as Wentworth commissions its first four female cadets as second lieutenants. That's historic. That's outstanding. Congratulations to each of you.

Soon you will be platoon leaders in charge of America's soldiers. General Reimer, the Chief of Staff of our Army, tells an account of a group of captured German soldiers during WWII asking their American captors for their credentials before they would surrender. The American officer, pointing to the American soldiers present, said: "These are our credentials." Today this still holds true. Soldiers are our credentials. I charge you today to go forth and lead them every day with this in mind.

Now, you don't have to believe everything I say here today but, you better believe that I believe it. I'm going to give you my best shot from my foxhole.

Each of you stands on the threshold of a great adventure. Your career in the Army is not a destination but rather a terrific journey.

As you will soon find out, military service is much more than just a job. It is a calling, a way of life. General Douglas MacArthur once said, it is a calling that can be summed

up in three words, "Duty, honor and country."

There can be no doubt that it takes a special breed of men and women to lead today's soldiers.

It is vitally important that these leaders remain focused on the reason our army exists . . . to fight and win our nation's wars. If we can do that, everything else we are asked to do such as fighting forest fires, peacekeeping, humanitarian relief missions and drug suppression missions, is easy.

I believe the ability to fight and win our nation's wars, rests on three pillars: discipline, competence and leadership.

At Fort Riley I have four expectations of leaders: First: Accomplish all missions to best of abilities and to agreed upon standards.

Second: Genuine compassion for soldiers.

Third: Develop next generation's leaders.

Fourth: Where ever you are assigned leave that place better than you found it.

As I said a few moments ago, each of you stand on the edge of a truly great adventure and I envy you for that. Soon you will be entrusted with the greatest treasure our nation has to offer, her sons and daughters. Do not take that charge lightly.

Always remain focused on the real reason we are here serving as the sword and shield of our great republic—to defend our nation—to fight and win our nation's wars.

When you focus on that one goal, and let yourself be guided by discipline, competence and leadership, it will get you where you want to go.

It will help you march a little farther, carry a little heavier load, and be willing to step into the unknown with the confidence that you can accomplish the mission.

Good luck, God speed, thank you for letting me speak to you on this important day, and I'll meet you on the high ground.

BLOCKING CABLE PORN IS EVERYONE'S FIGHT

HON. MARTIN R. HOKE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 29, 1996

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, last year in a Maryland suburb of Washington as the House and Senate were conferencing on the telecommunications bill, a 10-year-old boy was arrested for raping a 5-year-old girl. The incident shocked and deeply disturbed the people of the D.C. area. How, everyone wanted to know, could this possibly have happened? What on earth could have motivated it?

As it turns out, the boy said he got the idea by watching a pornographic cable channel on the television set in his own home, a channel that was supposed to be scrambled. However, the boy discovered that if watched long enough, it would unscramble and he could see and hear adults having sex.

As many of my constituents know only too well, cable subscribers in parts of the 10th District also receive the audio and video portion of pornographic channels in a manner that is intermittently clear. As a result, impression-

able children can be exposed to the most graphic pornography and obscene programming and advertising.

At the time this story was breaking, I had been appointed a conferee on the telecommunications bill, and was in the midst of convincing my fellow conferees to make sure there was a provision that would require cable operators to completely block from non-subscribers both the audio and video portion of all channels showing sexually explicit programming. In the end, this provision—requiring the total elimination of all sight and sound—was agreed to and the bill became law. It was a great victory for families across America.

Predictably, before the president's signature was even dry on the new law, a pornographic cable channel, Playboy Enterprises, was in court challenging it, claiming that it unfairly discriminates against their right to broadcast pornographic programming to people who aren't even subscribers. However the real reason the pornography channels are fighting this provision is that they use partial scrambling as a marketing tool—to lure channel surfers into subscribing to their channels. The price we pay as a community is the pollution of our culture and trashing of Judeo-Christian values, as well as the exposure of innocents of the tenderest and most impressionable years to explicit sexual material.

The case will probably take several months to decide. In the meantime, there are steps that parents can take to protect their children.

If my fellow Americans agree that this new law makes sense and that cable companies should honor it irrespective of what the courts say, I urge them to contact their cable company, as I have, and tell them that you know about the new law—section 641 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996—and would like to know what steps they are taking to comply. If enough customers write in, the cable companies will have to respond.

TRIBUTE TO LEON GOLDSTEIN ON HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 29, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join all New Yorkers in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Mr. Leon Goldstein's presidency of Kingsborough Community College. I believe Brooklyn has become a center for educational advancement and career training as a result of Mr. Goldstein's vision and leadership. His campus has become a haven of academic excellence for students throughout New York. I am particularly proud of Leon for helping students, professors, and other faculty members develop a caring and creative atmosphere that has earned Kingsborough its excellent reputation.

For 25 years, Leon has worked tirelessly to provide a solid education for students attending Kingsborough, enabling them to become

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successful and productive members of their community. Through his profound commitment and boundless energy, thousands of young people each year acquire solid academic skills that help them launch successful careers. I have met countless graduates that attribute much of their success to Leon's keen understanding of their individual learning needs. The curriculum at Kingsborough is vast and diverse enough so that people of all income levels, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, ages, and training have the opportunity to earn their degree. Leon has been a true inspiration to the people of New York and the residents of Brooklyn.

Among the successful educational programs Leon has developed include the My Turn program for senior citizens, the New Start program to help increase interaction with CUNY, bilingual studies, and the Institute for Public Service. Under Leon's leadership, Kingsborough has created more collaborative programs than any institution in the city, State, or Nation. Another innovative program which he championed is the College Now program, designed to help high school students, remain until graduation while also encouraging them to continue their studies. In addition, the Teacher's Academy program, which provides hundreds of New York City public school teachers on sabbatical leave to enroll at Kingsborough for 1 year to further their professional development. These results-oriented initiatives are vivid examples of Leon's creative visions for educational achievement.

Those attending Kingsborough have come to understand Leon's influence in their educational development. I urge all my colleagues and fellow residents of Brooklyn to congratulate Leon Goldstein for 25 distinguished years of service to Kingsborough and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

ST. CROIX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT AND JAZZ BANDS

HON. VICTOR O. FRAZER

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRAZER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special recognition to the St. Croix Central High School Jazz and Concert Bands. Their recent participation in a prestigious high school band competition in Atlanta, GA, is evidence of their determination to succeed.

The St. Croix Central High School Concert and Jazz Bands under the direction of Mr. Stan Joins won top honors at the May 3, 1996, Georgia music competition which was sponsored by the Music Educators National Conference. The 55-member band competed against 17 schools from the east coast. The concert band placed second and the ensemble jazz band received special recognition.

In competition, the concert band played Mozart's overture to "The Marriage of Figaro," "Beausoir" by Claude Debussy, and "Festival Prelude" arranged by Alfred Reed. The jazz ensemble arrangements included their own version of "Blue Monk," a Roger Pemberton arrangement of "Killer Joe," and a Sammy Nestico arrangement of "Jumpin at the Woodside." The groups were so impressive judges joined them on the stage to acknowledge their appreciation for the performances.

Some members of the band also received special recognition in various categories. Mr. John Sewer, Jr., was named outstanding jazz trumpeter, Mr. Seymour Joseph and Mr. Calbert Marius were named outstanding jazz saxophonist. Mr. Joel Massicott received outstanding rhythm soloist. Further, the jazz band won the honor of most outstanding jazz rhythm section.

The following students are true ambassadors for the U.S. Virgin Islands: Dyanne Baptiste, Kim Bethelme, Robert Blackmon, Craig Bradshaw, Bernard Bruney, Michael Bynoe, Leah Camacho, Zenobia Camacho, Edward Chapman, Veronica Chapman, Melicer Charles, Tauran Charles, Pamela Clarke, Cyril Dash, Irvin Doctrine, Evastus Drew, Wanda Evans, Ronald Feracho, Ideola Francis, Yasmin Farrel, Karl Frederick, Charese Frett, Sherrica Galloway, Ayinde George, Sammy Griffin, John Henry, Shekkaya Henry, Alex Hector, Francis Jackson, Emery Jagrup, Filbert Jagrup, Seymour Joseph, Dwayne Krauser, Maria Lopez, Lynel Lynch, Calbert Marius, Joel Massicott, Elias Mercado, Andrew Merchant, Phillip Merchant, Afiya Murphy, Natalie Pant, Sheryl Pant, Aisha Parrilla, April Peterson, Desiree Phillip, Vanessa Phillip, Rafael Prince, Denise Quindland, Victor Quinones, Morgan Raymond, Aaron St. Luce, Conroy Samuel, John Sewer, Jr., Tatyana Simon, Kenneth Vanterpool, George D. Ventura, Hassan West, and Therese Woods.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Mr. Stan Joins, and the St. Croix Central High School Concert and Jazz Band members for the outstanding contributions they have made on behalf of the Virgin Islands. I wish them the very best as they continue to fulfill their dreams.

MORE THAN 70 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 29, 1996

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a special person—Leona MacDonald Urquhart.

She is a special lady because since 1924—that's right—more than 70 years, she has worked day-in and day-out at the Pine Lake Country Club.

As she turns 83 years old, she continues to work at the club as executive hostess.

She began working at Pine Lake at age 11 as an assistant in the kitchen and helping the housekeeping staff. With only a short leave to have her two children, she has served loyally and continuously for more than 70 years.

Many people, members and guests, have walked through the doors of this club, and Leona has known and greeted them all—and they have known her. They have enjoyed her humor, her smile, her assistance, her dedication.

She is an example of the work ethic and dedication that made America the greatest country in the world.

Now, she deserves her praise. She deserves our loyalty. She deserves our thanks.

In a world where dedication and loyalty have less and less meaning each day, Leona Urquhart is a champion of many things.

But most of all, her triumph, her legacy, and her presence makes us proud.

Good Luck Leona. I hope you are there for another 70 years. Pine Lake would not be the same if you are not.

THE BEACON SHINES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues, an extraordinary family who has accepted an extraordinary mission. On Saturday, May 25, a tribute was paid to Bishop James A. Parrott.

Bishop Parrott and the Parrott family responded to the noticeable plight of the hungry, the unemployed, the underemployed, and the myriad number of citizens who are forced to live on fixed incomes that are below the poverty level. What makes this unique? In 1981, before the modern-day soup kitchen was established in many of our communities, Bishop Parrott opened what was known as the "Soup Kitchen at 1035 Broad Street" in Newark, NJ. This small, seemingly insignificant gesture of consciousness cast the dye for what would become Bishop Parrott's street ministry.

Lighthouse Community Services [LCS] was founded in 1981 and incorporated in 1989. The first meal was served on February 19, 1981 and consisted of homemade cornbread and soup prepared by Mother Ann Parrott, Mother Betty Martin and Mother Constance Baskerville. They started feeding a small group of about 20 individuals three times a week for lunch. What started as a modest number of 20 grew to 757. Since 1981 over 1 million meals have been served and over 5,000 persons have been temporarily housed at LCS. As the program grew so did the number of volunteers.

In addition to nutritional meals being served daily, emergency shelter for men, women, and children is provided on a daily basis. The men's residential shelter is used to house those in need while they complete school and/or find jobs, thereby enabling them to return to the mainstream of society as productive citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to bring the story of the Lighthouse Community Services to my colleagues and to the annals of U.S. history. The Parrott family has much of which to be proud and thankful. I offer my best wishes to Bishop James A. Parrott, Mother Ann Parrott and their children—James Jr., Dennis, deceased, Joan, Steven, Andrew and Mark. Five of the children are ordained clergy with the exception of Mark who is an ordained Deacon.

TAX FREEDOM DAY

HON. MARTIN R. HOKE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, although for most Americans it came and went without special notice, May 7 was a very important day. You