

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TAX RELIEF

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 1997

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of America's families. Yesterday afternoon, Ways and Means chairman BILL ARCHER unveiled our plan to provide tax relief for American families. This Nation's hard-working, tax-paying citizens have finally won a major victory.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that my Republican colleagues have kept our promise to the American people by providing the first major tax relief in 16 years. It is hard to believe that only 4 years ago, a Democrat-controlled Congress passed the largest tax increase in the history of mankind. We have undoubtedly come a very long way.

All too often, our detractors overlook the heavy burden of taxation on families. According to the Tax Foundation, the average American household will pay \$24,357 in taxes in 1997. That is over a 5 percent increase since last year.

Chairman ARCHER has fired the first salvo in our fight to return dollars back to families and out of Washington. Tax relief has become a reality because the American people spoke loudly and their elected representatives have listened.

I urge my colleagues to now continue our fight for America's families by working to abolish the IRS altogether and enact a fairer, flatter tax system. I have cosponsored legislation that would establish a national retail sales tax in favor of our current Tax Code.

Mr. Speaker, tax relief is vital to the steady growth of the American economy and to the continued health of the American family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOUTHWEST GUILFORD MEN'S BASEBALL TEAM

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, right now we are deep into baseball season. From the majors to the minors, from Little League to Babe Ruth League, tens of thousands of men, women, boys, and girls are happily engaged in the Nation's pastime. Among those participants were our Nation's high school baseball teams.

The just-concluded high school baseball season was extremely exciting in the Sixth District of North Carolina. For the first time, the Southwest Guilford High School men's baseball team won the 2-A State championship, defeating Cherryville High School 6 to 4. Southwest Guilford High School, located just outside of Greensboro, NC, capped a 21-11 season with the State title.

The Cowboys have been in the State playoffs for 4 straight years, but they could not have won it this year without an outstanding performance by pitcher and series MVP Jeff Montgomery. However, after being carried off the field with an injury, Montgomery was replaced by pitcher Tim Schilling. At one point during the game, head coach Mike Herndon almost pulled Schilling when Cherryville closed in on the Cowboys 6 to 4, but Schilling persevered and was able to pull through to pitch a winning game.

All of the Cowboys contributed to the State crown including Keith Morris, Andy Harney, Derik Idol, Erick McCoy, James Coates, Zack Samuels, Matt Fletcher, Aaron Berham, Stanton Horne, Brian Mitchell, Brian Tollerson, Ashton Frank, Duane McMurty, Blake Cross, Nick House, Matt Petzoid, Price Stevens, and Ryan Boedicke. Overseeing this group were Head Coach Mike Herndon, Trainer Stacey Foard, Student Trainer Meredith Adsit, Athletic Director Richard Kemp, and Principal Wayne Tuggel.

Congratulations to the Cowboys on an outstanding season. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the Southwest Guilford men's baseball team for winning the State 2A championship.

IN HONOR OF ALLAN B. WEINGOLD

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise and pay tribute to Allan B. Weingold, who has served in the medical profession since 1955. Dr. Weingold will be retiring this month after 40 years of service to the medical profession.

Allan Weingold was born in New York in 1930. After graduating from Oberlin College and attaining his medical degree from New York Medical College, he began his residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York which he completed in 1960. During this time, Allan was also the chief of service for the U.S. Army at Rodriguez Army Hospital in San Juan, PR.

After serving as a American Cancer Society Fellow in Gynecologic Oncology, he joined the faculty of the New York Medical College and became the professor and associate chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology. In 1973, Dr. Weingold became the professor and chairman of the department of the George Washington University Medical Center, a position he held until 1993. He also served as chairman of the Governing Board of the Medical Faculty Associates, a 300 member multispecialty practice group, and as interim vice president for medical affairs in 1992-93. On March 1, 1995, he assumed the role as vice president and executive dean at the George Washington University Medical Center.

Dr. Weingold is a senior examiner for the Examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a former president of the Association Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, a former president of the Washington Gynecological Society, a member of the Council of the American Gynecology and Obstetrics Society, and the author of 110 text books, chapters, and other scientific publications.

Dr. Weingold has been honored for his knowledge and skill in his field. He has received numerous awards, including the Conrad Tharaldsen Scholastic Award. He is also a member of the Contin Honor Society and Alpha Omega Alpha, Iota Chapter.

I have known Allan Weingold for 20 years and am proud of his many accomplishments. He has overseen the training of literally hundreds of doctors, many of whom are currently practicing in the Washington metropolitan area. His high standards of ethics, his professional demeanor, and the high-quality of medical practice he has imparted to his students, residents, and leave a lasting legacy for the Washington region's health care. I am proud to have had the opportunity to know this extraordinary man.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues will join me in applauding Dr. Weingold for his extraordinary efforts and career successes in providing the citizens of the District of Columbia with quality health care. Although his presence will be sorely missed, we wish him and his wife, Marjorie, great success in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MSGR. JOHN J. BRADLEY

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention a remarkable celebration that recently took place to honor Msgr. John J. Bradley as well as the 135th anniversary of St. Bernardine Church in San Bernardino, CA. On June 7, the parish hall was rededicated and named after Monsignor Bradley, a beloved and cherished figure in the history of this historic downtown church.

Monsignor Bradley was ordained on June 4, 1942 at St. Kierans' College, Kilkenny, Ireland, and served in Ireland and England until coming to the United States in 1946. In December 1946, he began serving as an assistant at Sacred Heart Church in Ocean Beach. Monsignor Bradley also served as a pastor at St. Joseph's Church in Holtville from 1951 to 1953 and at St. John's Church in Encinitas from 1953 to 1961. In June 1961, he became a pastor at St. Bernardine's in San Bernardino, a tenure that lasted 31 years. In July 1992, Monsignor Bradley began 1 year of retired service in residence at St. Bernardine's.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in paying tribute to this gentle man

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who has served and inspired our community over the years. One cannot begin to describe the esteem in which this beloved man is held in the local parish. It is only fitting that the House of Representatives recognize his dedicated and faithful service today.

THE NATURAL RESOURCE SUMMIT OF AMERICA

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a few moments to talk about one of the silver linings in the cloud of apprehension and mistrust left behind by the 104th Congress in its handling of environmental issues. One of the very good things that came out of that Congress was the formation of the Natural Resource Summit of America. The NRSA is a coalition of now 37 organizations determined not to let natural resource policy in this country fall victim to the sort of extremism that was all too often evident in that 104th Congress.

The existence of one more environmental coalition isn't usually cause for notice. But the NRSA is different, because in this one collection of separate and independent groups, you see the first very impressive signs of the profound change occurring in the debate over natural resources. For the first time in a very long time, hunters, anglers, environmentalists, outdoor publications, outdoor business groups, natural resource scientists, and others have come together around a common set of principles.

One of the NRSA's leaders is Helen Sevier, the Chair and CEO of B.A.S.S., Inc., the parent company of the Bass Anglers Sportman Society. Joined by my distinguished colleague SHERWOOD BOEHLERT, I had the pleasure of meeting Helen and hearing her speak last summer at the NRSA's first grassroots meeting in Birmingham. When I listened to her describe the NRSA, it was clear that the groups were uniting not only around common environmental principles, but also around common sense and an end to partisanship and extreme language.

That day in Birmingham, she recalled being labeled as an "environmental extremist" for opposing the Clean Water Act reauthorization process in the House in the 104th Congress:

We said, "wait a minute, these guys really don't get it. They don't understand the way Americans really feel about their natural resources. They don't appreciate the 25 years of phenomenal progress that has been made improving our Nation's air and water quality. And they don't recognize the needs that still exist to restore ecosystems and fish and wildlife habitat." So we thought that if the environmental groups and the concerns they expressed on natural resource legislation were considered by Congress to be extreme, or not representative of the values of average Americans, then by merging the image of the hunting and fishing groups with the environmentalists we may be able to refocus congressional attention on the importance of natural resource values among their constituents.

Mr. Speaker, the attention of Congress is already being refocused by cooperative efforts

like that of the NRSA. On issues like protection of land and water habitats, clean water, wetlands, and forests, the vast outdoor community has shown its concern and its strength. The NRSA recently sent a letter to every Member of Congress stating the groups' priorities. They include maintaining the integrity of our public lands and waters and keeping them public, strengthening the Clean Water Act, and enhancing funding for the stewardship of public lands and natural resources.

These priorities are the result of more than a year of discussions between some very different people: a pair of scientists, one from the American Fisheries Society another from the National Wildlife Federation, a land protection specialist from the Sierra Club, a conservation expert from the B.A.S.S., an editor at *Sports Afield* magazine, a lawyer from the Environmental Defense Fund, just to name a few. These discussions produced a framework for action and a set of common sense shared goals.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to hear a lot from the NRSA in the coming months about natural resource policy. But I think we can learn more from than a set of positions on issues. We can learn that groups and individuals who share a vision of the future and are dedicated to the hard work of getting there, should refuse to let traditional partisanship, extreme rhetoric, or simple complacency stand in their way. It's a lesson the NRSA appears to have learned and an example for this Congress to follow.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, COMMISSION FOR WOMEN: TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Montgomery County, MD, Commission for Women as it celebrates 25 years of service to the women of the county. To mark the occasion, the commission will hold a gala dinner, and the proceeds from the event will be used to support a scholarship fund and services for displaced homemakers and disadvantaged women.

In 1972, I had the great privilege and honor to serve on the first Commission and later to be elected as its second president. I have watched with pride as it has grown into an important voice and resource for women throughout the Washington metropolitan area. The commission advises the county executive, the county council, county agencies, and the general public on issues of concern to county women and their families. But, most importantly, the commission is there on a daily basis to serve the immediate and long-term needs of women in Montgomery County.

The Commission for Women provides such direct services as personal and career counseling, career-readiness classes, programs for displaced homemakers, workshops on changing careers, family crisis and transition services for events like separation and divorce and job loss, and workshops on women's health, sexual harassment, dependent care, and time management skills.

This year, as part of its anniversary observance, the commission released a study on the

status of women in Montgomery County, an invaluable tool for both the general public and elected officials. Comprising 52 percent of the population, the women of Montgomery County play a critically important role in the county's social and economic health. The study calls for a "paradigm shift in the development of laws, policies, practices and procedures affecting education, employment, health, law enforcement and crime prevention" and underscores an "urgent need to reevaluate outdated policies of schools and of most employers * * * based on the assumption of a single wage earner and an at-home parent."

Montgomery County, MD, has grown and changed in the last 25 years from a quiet bedroom suburb of Washington, DC, into a thriving cosmopolitan community. Over the years, the Montgomery County Commission for Women has been an important force in meeting the challenge of that change and in helping women and their families adjust to and prosper in a dynamic and diverse society.

Mr. Speaker, please join with me in saluting the Montgomery County Commission for Women and its talented and dedicated staff for 25 years of extraordinary service to the people of my county.

DEATH OF AMBASSADOR OMER EISSA

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to former Ambassador Omer Eissa, who died in a tragic automobile accident while visiting Sudan on May 20. Ambassador Eissa served with great distinction as Sudan's Ambassador to Washington when Gaafar Mohamed Numeiry was President of Sudan. Ambassador Eissa was a great friend of the United States, and many Members of Congress had the great pleasure of knowing him. I will always be grateful to Ambassador Eissa for the hospitality that he extended to the Dance Theater of Harlem during several of their visits to Washington.

Ambassador Eissa had a long and diversified public service career in Sudan. As a member of the Sudanese Parliament, he was chairman of the Committee on Housing and Education. He was also a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Refugees. Subsequently, he was appointed as a member of President Numeiry's cabinet, which he later left to become Ambassador to the United States, serving concurrently as nonresident Ambassador to Canada and Mexico. While in Washington, Ambassador Eissa served as dean of the Council of Arab Ambassadors as well as dean of the Council of African Ambassadors.

After the coup that removed President Numeiry from office in 1985, Ambassador Eissa made his home near Washington and became an American citizen. I wish to extend my most heartfelt condolences to his wife and children, who can be very proud of what Ambassador Eissa has done for the people of Sudan.