

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING CHAIRMAN ARCHER
FOR HIS WORK ON THE TAX BILL

HON. NEWT GINGRICH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 1997

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, next week, the House will take a historic series of votes on balancing the budget, saving Medicare, and cutting taxes. The Christian Coalition yesterday sent a letter commending Chairman ARCHER for his work on this bill and describing the importance of these tax cuts to its members. I enter that letter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CHRISTIAN COALITION,
June 19, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: The Christian Coalition was pleased to support the Ways and Means tax bill. As Chairman Archer correctly noted, there are \$254 billion worth of pro-family tax cuts in the bill, from the \$500 per child tax credit to the education tax incentives to death tax relief. These are significant and meaningful tax cuts for America's families.

As you know, the \$500 per child tax credit has been our highest legislative priority since 1993. Under Chairman Archer's bill, taxpayers with children will be able to keep \$150 billion of their own money thanks to the \$500 per child tax credit. Most significantly, this includes taxpayers with children in the most expensive age group, teenagers. The \$500 per child tax credit will go a long way to relieve the crushing federal tax burden on the family and will enable parents to make their own decisions on how best to meet the financial needs of their children. We also note that the bill contains \$75 billion in education tax incentives and \$29 billion in death tax relief that will be welcome news to families. These are important pro-family provisions. Lastly, we note that we have always supported capital gains tax relief. While the capital gains provisions are not specifically targeted to families, families will definitely benefit from the capital gains relief.

We are concerned, though, about President Clinton's reaction to date. I just cannot imagine that he would veto a bill that provides such significant tax relief to middle class families. That would be a severe disappointment to families with children. We are urging him to support your bill.

Thank you and Chairman Archer for all your hard work on behalf of America's families. We look forward to working with you through out this process to sign long awaited tax relief into law.

Sincerely,

BRIAN LOPINA,
Director, Governmental Affairs Office.

HONORING EARL W. STEPHENS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 1997

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise before you today to pay tribute to Earl W. Stephens, the Illustrious Potentate of Oman Temple No. 72. The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will hold their 43d Annual Potentate's Ball in honor of Mr. Stephens on June 21, 1997.

Earl Stephens was born in 1943 to Dock and Jerlyn Stephens in Gilliam, LA, as the second oldest of 12 children. He began his education at Hale Elementary School in Hosston, went on to attend Pine Valley School of Rodessa, LA, and graduated from Herndon High School of Belcher, LA, in 1962. Upon graduation, Mr. Stephens enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he served our country honorably for 4 years. He married the former Ceatrice Williams and settled in Flint, MI, where he began his 30-year career at Buick Motor Division.

Mr. Stephens' commitment and generosity are evidence by his involvement in numerous community organizations. Earl has been a member of Gospel Temple Baptist Church since 1969 and is currently cochairman of the Deacon Board. Earl's other affiliations include By-Laws Committee chairman of Unity for Justice, and treasurer and award chairperson for the Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame. In addition, Earl has been active with the Boy Scouts of America, where he now serves as commissioner of the Norwegian District of the Tall Pine Council. In addition, Earl is a member of UAW Local 599 and holds the chairmanship of the Veterans Committee. Earl also serves as cochairman of the Credit Committee at Security Federal Credit Union. In all of these endeavors, Mr. Stephens has uplifted us all with his kind spirit, knowledge, and effective leadership.

Mr. Stephens has held membership with the John W. Stevenson Lodge No. 56 Prince Hall Affiliated since September 1988 and served as master in 1995-96. He joined the Saginaw Valley Consistory No. 71 in 1989 and now serves as chancellor. In 1988, Mr. Stephens began his affiliation with the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In each of these roles, Mr. Stephens has worked tirelessly to achieve the goal of equal opportunity for all. He has been a mentor and a counselor to many of our young people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my fellow Members of Congress to join me in honoring the Illustrious Potentate, Mr. Earl Stephens. His devotion to making this Nation a better place to live should reinforce our strong commitment to our communities. We owe a debt of gratitude to Earl, his wife Ceatrice, and their two children, Latricia and Royce.

SALUTE TO DON LEGG

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 1997

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor an east Texan, Don Legg of Kemp, who is a legendary hometown figure. Don was recognized this year at a county-wide celebration of his 90th birthday and of the many years spent in service to the people of Kemp, TX, and Kaufman County.

Don has served his community in a variety of ways over the years. He has served multiple years on the Kemp City Council, the Kaufman County Improvement Commission, the county board of the Visiting Nurses Association, the Kaufman County Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and the North Central Texas Council of Governments. He has served as either president or secretary of the Kemp Chamber of Commerce since 1970, has been a deputy voter registrar and even has helped take the census. Since 1992 Don has served as a reporter, photographer, and proof-reader for the Monitor, Kemp's newspaper. He is still an active, working member of the press.

Don also served his Nation well. During World War II he was the director of personnel of the American Red Cross and was responsible for the entire Pacific Theater. He supervised the efforts of almost 2,000 Red Cross workers and served with the Red Cross for 17 years.

At 90 years of age, Don is still an active supporter of school functions and area students activities. During his younger years he was a teacher and a coach, and he has been an active member of the Kemp Athletic Boosters Club for many years. He has received numerous awards from State and local officials but says that the honors he most cherishes are those given by students, as they are our Nation's future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join Don Legg's many friends and supporters in celebration of his 90th birthday this year and in wishing him continued health and happiness for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO STUDENTS AT ST.
LEO'S SCHOOL

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 1997

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay a special tribute to a distinguished pair of students from St. Leo's School, who reside in my district. Christopher and Jonathan Cadena are brothers who attend St. Leo's which is located at 104-19 49th Avenue in Corona, Queens.

Christopher Mark Cadena was born on January 6, 1989 and has just completed the second grade. As a second grader, in homeroom

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2-2 instructed by Ms. Maria Delledera, Christopher has managed to excel in all of his subjects and achieve a record of straight A's. With the recent results of the National Achievement Test, Christopher ranked higher than 82 percent of 2d graders nationwide. Overall he is performing much higher than average in basic skills, reading, language and mathematics. It is my hope his achievement is a testament to his commitment to learning. Christopher's prospects of becoming an NBA basketball player for the New York Knicks will hopefully be realized but not without a solid educational background first. In spirit of the former Senator of New Jersey and former Knicks star the Honorable Bill Bradley. I wish him well.

Jonathan Cadena, born on September 4, 1991, has completed his first step in what promises hopes to be a long, successful, and prosperous road to law school or a doctorate degree in the field of his choice. He has completed his kindergarten K-2 class, instructed by Mrs. Mancuso, and will be entering first grade in September. Christopher and Jonathan Cadena's continued hard work and effort will lead them to a successful future filled with hope and opportunity. None of this could be possible without the constant attention and support of their family. Mr. and Mrs. Hector and Amparo Cadena have the lifelong responsibility to ensure that their children always maintain a high standard in education. This should come easy as their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fausto and Beatriz Rosero have also committed themselves to raising and educating their children at St. Leo's. This is the second generation of the Rosero family to attend St. Leo's School. I hope it won't be the last.

The students at St. Leo's School must learn that the value of education is priceless. St. Leo's has long provided the community of Corona and their students with the foundation necessary to be successful in all their endeavors. The next generation of graduates must not only be encouraged to complete their education, but to do it well. They are responsible for paving the way for a better and brighter future for their Nation, community, family, but most of all for themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in encouraging the following students who have started down the right path toward a successful future: Jonathan Cadena—K-2; Christopher Cadena—2-2; Christopher Hernandez—3-1; Stephanie Hernandez—K-1; Ariana Medina—2-2; Andres Patino—1-1; Jessica Patino—3-2; Elizabeth Correa—2-1; Antony Paredes—3-1.

On behalf of Mr. Paul Corsello principal, and Father Charles P. Keeney pastor of St. Leo's Parish, the students and most of all the teachers whose commitment to education are the most inspirational of all lessons, I congratulate everyone, especially the graduating class of 1997 for their dedication in achieving high standards and excellence in education. I wish all of them the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

ORANGE, CONNECTICUT CELEBRATES ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 1997

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, June 22, the town of Orange will hold a Jubilee Celebration to commemorate its 175th anniversary. I am proud to rise today to recognize the town of Orange and its people on this very special occasion.

Orange has a long, rich history and its residents can look with pride on a community that has retained its traditional style and appeal. Incorporated in 1822, the town of Orange was originally composed of the parish of North Milford in Milford and the parish of West Haven in New Haven. Named for William, Prince of Orange, the community has a history which dates back to the early 1600's.

Industry arrived in Orange in 1776 but, for the most part, the town remained a farming community. A great source of pride for all the residents of Orange, the Hine farm is the Nation's oldest business continuously operated by the same family. Founded in 1639 by Thomas Hine, the farm has been worked by 11 generations of the family. The farm serves as a reminder of Orange's past and is also an example of how the town of Orange will unite in support of members of the community. When the Hines lost their historic barn to fire last summer, the town rallied around the family. This is truly a heartwarming example of how a community can come together to help members who are trying to get back on their feet.

Orange has a number of annual festivals and traditions which bring the community together. In addition to the yearly Memorial Day parade, there is a volunteer firemen's carnival which is not only popular with residents of Orange but also draws people from all over the region. In September, the town gathers to honor its agrarian past with the annual Orange Country Fair. The fair features traditional rural competitions and craft exhibitions. It is clear that the residents of Orange are very proud of the town's rich history.

Perhaps the best indication of the community spirit in Orange is the number of families who have chosen to live there for generations. They form a close-knit, caring community of exceptional citizens with solid values.

I am very pleased to recognize the town of Orange on its 175th anniversary. My very best wishes to all the residents as they celebrate this landmark occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DICK FAUX, MILPITAS' 1997 BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 1997

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Dick Faux who has recently been selected as the 1997 Business Person of the Year by the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Faux is the co-owner of the Bankers Mortgage Net-

work of Milpitas located in California's 13th Congressional District.

Dick has been a dedicated member of our community for over 29 years. He has been an active member of the Milpitas Chamber since February 1998 who can always be counted on to volunteer for such duties as the annual crab feed and serving on the golf tournament committees. He is also a well-known member of the Chamber's Ambassador Committee.

Dick also served as president of the Milpitas Rotary Club for the 1996-97 year. Throughout his years as a Rotarian he has been a member of many of the Club's committees, chaired numerous projects for the Club and served in a variety of leadership roles. He has also been an active member of numerous other community organizations including the Milpitas YMCA, Women and their Children Housing [W.A.T.C.H.], the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, Big Brothers, and the First Presbyterian Church in Milpitas.

Dick Faux will be honored by his friends and colleagues at the Milpitas chambers' annual installation and awards banquet to be held on Friday, June 19, 1997. I am proud to recognize Mr. Dick Faux as the 1997 Milpitas Business Person of the Year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PLANTATION SCHOOL

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 1997

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the team from the Plantation Key School from the Florida Keys which was recently awarded a top prize in the worldwide Odyssey of the Mind competition held at the University of Maryland.

In March the team won first place in Florida's statewide Odyssey of the Mind competition, thus qualifying them to represent Florida in the 18th annual world finals competition in early June. At the worldwide level, the team competed against 5,000 students representing 740 schools from across the United States and throughout the world. More than one million students participate each year in localized competitions before the winners are selected to compete in the international finals.

The Plantation School group surpassed 54 U.S. and international teams in their division to receive the top award for exceptional creativity in team problem solving. Only 7 of the 740 participating teams were given this award.

Team members received individual gold medals at an awards ceremony attended by more than 20,000 spectators. In addition, team members' names will appear on a trophy on permanent display in the Explorer's Hall at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, DC. The Gold Medalist student team members are Tehani Pestalozzi, Sarah Otto-Fitzdam, Jamie Shiereck, Kerry Clark, Leah Ekblom, Grant Turner, and Michael Ratliff.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud these students for months of diligent work and for their excellent representation of Florida in this unique international competition. Also to be commended is the team's longtime teacher and coordinator, Harriet Robbins, along with the team's coaches, parents, and school principal, Sandi Bisceglia, who gave their time and support.