

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES E. WHITE

HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 1997

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. James E. White, rural housing specialist of the USDA, rural development. Mr. White retired on May 31, 1997 after a distinguished 26-year career.

He began his Federal career with Farmers Home Administration in 1971 as an assistant county supervisor in Lincoln, IL. He was promoted to county supervisor in Golconda/Metropolis in 1975. His final career move was to rural housing specialist in the Illinois State office in 1976. Mr. White remained in that position until his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to bring the achievements of James White to the attention of my colleagues in the House, and ask that they join me in expressing our appreciation and congratulations to Mr. White for his tremendous service to the people of Illinois.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 1997

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on official business on Thursday afternoon, June 19, and Friday, June 20, and had to miss rollcall votes on the floor of the House.

Had I been present on June 19, I would have voted as follows: "Aye" on rollcall votes 214, 215, 216, and 217.

Had I been present on June 20, I would have voted as follows: "Nay" on rollcall vote 219, "no" on rollcall vote 220, "Aye" on rollcall vote 221, and "no" on rollcall votes 222, 223, and 224.

CHIEF SMITH: LOYAL SERVICE TO SOUTH LYON

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 1997

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a loyal and dedicated officer to the community of South Lyon in Oakland County, MI. Chief of Police Gerald L. Smith, in his 19th year of service as chief, will retire on August 26th.

After serving in the U.S. Navy from 1960 to 1963, Smith began his career in law enforcement for Waterford Township in 1964 and served until 1971.

Smith was Oakland County's senior substance abuse program coordinator from 1971

to 1979 where he worked with the County's health department to fight the scourge of drugs.

In 1979, he was appointed director of public safety and police chief for the city of South Lyon. When the Public Safety Department was dissolved in 1985, he continued to serve the community as chief.

Gerald Smith has dedicated more than 37 years of his life to protecting others. His leadership, courage and bold vision have been an inspiration not only to those who worked for him, but to the community he served.

The dedication of Gerald Smith exemplifies his committee to making South Lyon a safer place for our families. He is a loyal public servant who deserves the recognition, honors and accolades he receives.

TO A DEDICATED HERO SHERIFF
RIECK KENDALL

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 1997

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true hero, Sheriff Rieck Kendall of Moultrie County, IL. He is responsible for saving two young children, Timothy and Cheryl Poppett, after they were abducted by their father from their custodial mother in July 1994.

In 1996, Sheriff Kendall discovered money that was intended for the abductor which was regularly funneled to an address in the Honduras. He contacted Honduran authorities and persuaded them to assist in the investigation. International cooperation, involving Interpol and fostered by Sheriff Kendall, led the authorities to discover that the children were living on a small island off the coast of Honduras with no electricity, running water, routine medical attention, or schooling. When word got to the children's father that the authorities were on to him, he piled them and their few belongings into a boat and headed for another hideaway. During the escape, the boat capsized. Local fishermen found the children and their father floating in the water and clinging to a gas can. Police rescued the children and arrested their kidnapper.

Truly, finding Tim and Cheryl was no easy task. Sheriff Kendall's devotion to recovering the Poppett children involved more than following leads, but taking the time to make daily phone calls and reassuring the Poppett family that he was pursuing their children's case. It takes a brave and dedicated man to not give up and simply go home after his other work is done. He persevered and put the Poppett children and their family first. Mr. Speaker, because of Sheriff Kendall the Poppett children were recovered and are home with their family.

Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Sheriff Kendall for all his valiant efforts and persistence. According to the National Crime Information Center [NCIC] there were a total of 955,252 missing persons in 1996 alone. In that same year

more than 99 percent of all missing child cases were resolved successfully. We can thank people like Sheriff Kendall for his inspiring statistic, because they refused to give up and provided support for the families who had to struggle through such terrible crises. It is an honor to represent Rieck Kendall in the U.S. Congress.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR. MARVIN
HARPER AND AMERICAN LEGION
POST NO. 102 OF BARNARD, MO

HON. PAT DANNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 1997

Ms. DANNER. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my colleagues, I would like to have printed in the RECORD the following article from the Nodaway News Leader paying tribute to Mr. Marvin Harper and American Legion Post No. 102 at Barnard, MO, for their efforts in providing Nodaway R-IV students an unique public speaking program.

[From the Nodaway News Leader, Mar. 8, 1997]

SOUTH NODAWAY FIRST GRADE STUDENTS
LEARN PUBLIC SPEAKING EARLY

You're never too young to learn, especially when it comes to communication. The American Legion is helping South Nodaway R-IV students get a head start on developing their speaking skills.

Marvin Harper, who serves on the Department of Missouri Oratorical Commission for the American Legion, has created a unique program that provides young students an opportunity to speak in public.

"The point of this is to develop skills to learn how to talk in front of people," Harper told South Nodaway's first grade students.

Harper visited the class last week and discussed the American Legion and the importance of being an effective communicator in everyday conversations. Each child was then given a chance to stand up in front of the class and speak for about 30 seconds. Many of them talked about the U.S. flag, Abraham Lincoln and President Clinton.

First grade teacher Bonny Acklin believes the program is very beneficial.

"It's a good experience for them," she said. "It is different for the students to talk in front of someone else they don't know."

This is the third year Harper has conducted the program. During the first year, he worked with a few students in a pilot program. Last year, the kindergarten all had a chance to give a short speech. This year, Harper has visited both the kindergarten and first grade class.

"Hopefully we'll work right on up to the sixth grade," he said. Harper said he was not aware of any other program of this type in the United States. Later this year he will submit a report to the state oratorical commission about the effectiveness of the project.

The American Legion sponsors a national oratorical contest for high school students. Participants in that contest speak about the U.S. Constitution and can earn scholarship

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money. Harper stressed that the project for elementary students was not a contest.

"We want to develop students so that they can have effective communication skills in whatever they want to do," he explained.

Kindergarten teacher Barb Sherry said she has seen growth in the student's public speaking skills. Both she and Acklin believe the program also provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of patriotism.

"We try to teach a sense of community and respect for our country," Acklin said. "Every morning we say the Pledge of Allegiance and talk about how lucky we are to live in a free country."

Harper told the first grade students he was so impressed with their accomplishment of speaking in front of a group that they would have a party and talk about how to take care of the flag.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 1997

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 20, I missed rollcall votes 221, 222, 223, and 224. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 221; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 222; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 223; and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 224.

RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF FRED SCORALICK, INCOMING PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 1997

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, on June 25, 1997, the National Sheriff's Association will inaugurate Sheriff Fred W. Scoralick of Dutchess County, NY, as its new president. It is a distinct pleasure for me to join the residents of Dutchess County in recognizing my constituent Sheriff Scoralick, who has devoted his life to law enforcement.

Sheriff Scoralick first entered the law enforcement community in 1961, as a part-time deputy sheriff. Through diligence and ability, Fred Scoralick achieved the rank of undersheriff in April 1976, and, in November 1978, he was elected sheriff of Dutchess County, NY.

Sheriff Scoralick has an impressive background in law enforcement. He is a graduate of the National Sheriff's Institute. In addition, he has completed specialized training at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Throughout his law enforcement career, he has also studied safety, management, and corrections under the auspices of the Municipal Training Council, the New York State Commission of Corrections, the New York City Police Department, and the FBI Academy.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Scoralick has brought the same dedication to the wider law enforcement community that he brings to his duties in Dutchess County. He has served as the chairman of the executive committee of the New York State Sheriff's Association. Indeed, Sher-

iff Scoralick has held every office within this organization, including president. In 1987, he was elected to the NSA's Board of Directors. Currently, Sheriff Scoralick serves as the chairman of the NSA Insurance Committee, cochaired the NSA Board and the Educational Foundation Committee, and is active on the Budget, Traffic Safety and Management Subcommittees.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Scoralick has made invaluable contributions to our community. He has succeeded in bringing new services to Dutchess County, including DARE, Youth Support, Crash Management, Arson investigation, County Wide Drug Task Force, and the Senior Citizen "Are You OK?" Service. Besides spearheading these programs, Sheriff Scoralick also oversaw the construction of a new jail.

He has repeatedly demonstrated his ability as a leader and public guardian. In 1970, he won the American Legion Heroism Medal. In addition, Sheriff Scoralick is also a past recipient of the Police Benevolent Association President's Award. In 1985, his able leadership was recognized by President Ronald Reagan. Sheriff Scoralick was the 1996 recipient of the Multi-County Community Development Corporation Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all Members to join me in paying tribute to Sheriff Fred Scoralick. He is an exemplary public servant who has devoted his life to making his community a better place. I applaud Sheriff Scoralick's dedication and wish him continued success in his endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO FANCHER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Clovis Unified School District's Fancher Creek Elementary for being named a 1997 California Distinguished School. The faculty and students of Fancher Creek Elementary exemplify excellence with exceptional student achievement and staff development.

The mission of Fancher Creek Elementary School is to educate all students in a challenging, disciplined, and supportive environment, enabling them to reach their potential of becoming productive citizens who will make positive life-long contributions to society.

A positive school climate is the essential factor of Fancher Creek's environment. The school's motto, *Falcons Have Pride*, sets such a tone for the students. Monthly award programs recognize students who achieve goals in academics, athletics, and cocurricular activities. Expectations are clear and consistent, and the standards for student achievement and conduct are high.

Fancher Creek has over 900 students of which 61 percent receive free or reduced lunch and 33 percent are English Language learners. The student body is composed of 23.8 percent Asian (Hmong), 32 percent Hispanic, 34.9 percent white, 8.2 percent African-American, and 0.7 percent American Indian. Despite facing cultural diversity, language differences, a high transiency rate (46.4 per-

cent), and other economic problems, Fancher Creek Elementary has maintained tough standards, as measured by the Clovis Unified School District accountability model, which is the Clovis assessment system for sustained improvement [CLASSI].

Fancher Creek Elementary received the Clovis Unified School District Exemplary School Award, the district's highest honor. This award is given for overall excellence in student achievement, school management, community involvement, and cocurricular priorities.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Clovis Unified School District's Fancher Creek Elementary. The students and faculty of this school share both a care for the community and a dedication to hard work. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Fancher Creek Elementary many more years of successful teaching.

IN HONOR OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF INDUSTRY

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 1997

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Industry on its 40th anniversary. On Saturday, June 21, 1997, the residents and businesses of the city of Industry will join to celebrate this momentous occasion.

The city of Industry was incorporated June 18, 1957. A city devoted to the business community, its basic purpose is to provide a well organized center for industry and commerce of all types. During the last decade, the city of Industry has emerged as one of the leading industrial centers of the "Pacific Empire Industrial Corridor."

In 1990, the residential population of the city of Industry was 631. This small residential community is represented by five city council members: Mayor Tom J. Durant, Mayor Pro Tem John P. Ferrero, Councilman Lawrence Mayo, Councilman Manuel Garcia, and Councilman Dean M. Winn.

The community will pause its celebration, on Saturday, in remembrance of a dear friend and outstanding civic leader of the city of Industry. Mayor John Ferrero, 1912-96, served as mayor of the city of Industry for 39 years. His distinguished service on the city council is marked with dedication and commitment to the city of Industry.

Among Mayor Ferrero's many accomplishments during his tenure was the official public opening of the Workman House Homestead. The homestead is a testimonial to the rich history of the region. Through interpretative programs, history comes alive as visitors explore the social and cultural life of three decades, significant to the site and the Nation: the 1840's, 1870's, and 1920's.

The business community of the city of Industry is served by the Industry Manufacturers Council [IMC], originally formed as the Industry chamber of commerce in 1962. In 1970, the chamber expanded to include the IMC and retained its name. The IMC is composed of individual firms located in the city and governed by the board of directors: President William White, Vice President Boyd Clarke, Secretary