

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MILDRED HESS

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, a long-time resident of Pennsylvania's 13th District who died recently at her home following a long illness. She was 87 years old.

I've known Mildred Hess for many years and she was a remarkable woman, dedicated to her family, her community, and her Nation. She was one of God's Angels on Earth who was known for her selfless spirit, positive outlook and love for all. Mildred was a public servant who committed herself to making life better for her neighbors. I will miss her very much and I share the grief felt by her entire family, especially her loving husband Clay, her friends and all the people of Montgomery County, PA.

Mildred Hess was born on December 10, 1909, in Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County. The daughter of the late Peter A. and Carrie Smith, Mildred Hess graduated in 1927 from the former Collegeville High School and entered the Pottstown Homeopathic Hospital School of Nursing where she graduated in 1930. She worked briefly as a nurse before marrying Clay C. Hess on February 7, 1931. She and Clay lived their entire married life on his family's farm in Collegeville, PA. True to the historic nature of the community in which she lived, Mildred liked to collect antique plates, salt shakers, and glassware and she was very proud of her collection.

Mildred Hess spent most of her life doing the most important job I know, raising her family and caring for her children. Occasionally, Mildred would assist her husband, Clay, as a clerk in his auctioneering business. For Mildred, her husband and family were her first love, her vocation, her devotion, and her primary responsibility.

Mildred Hess was a member of the Providence Church of the Brethren in Upper Providence and a 60-year member of Keystone Grange #2 in Trappe. She was also a member of the Towne & County Council of Republican Women.

Mr. Speaker, this woman of deep faith and family devotion suffered losses in her life and overcame the grief to fulfill her duties to her family. She was preceded in death by her loving children, Clark F. Hess and Norma Hess Fillman but despite her sorrow, Mildred was able to move on because of her devotion to those who lived on and who needed her. This loving woman is survived by her devoted husband, Clay, who I am proud to say has been a devoted friend and mentor to me for many years. Other family members who I join to share in their grief are her daughter-in-law, Susan Hess and her son-in-law, Walter Fillman.

Several generations have shared the love and warmth of Mildred Hess and my heart

goes out to her grandchildren, Jane Daley, Gretchen Hess, Martin Hess, and Matthew Fillman as well as her great-grandchildren Gordon, Rachael, Daniel, Alexia, Audrey, and Samuel Fry and Rebecca Fillman and Benjamin Hess Daley.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor this great woman but I do so with a heavy heart. For while Mildred led a long and productive life, I know that there was still much she wanted to do. As she did with her own children, I know she wanted to share in the joys and successes of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Montgomery County has lost a great woman, Mr. Speaker, a family woman, a mother and care-giver. While it is close to the city of Philadelphia, Collegeville is still a small, rural neighborhood of close-knit families. The entire community will feel this loss as will all of Montgomery County where she and Clay have had such a strong influence over the years.

On a personal note, Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by this loss because I feel as though I have lost a member of my own family. As I learned the lessons of public service under the guidance of her husband, Mildred Hess was always making me feel like part of her family. I saw the love she and Clay shared first-hand and it became just another of the many lessons I learned from this outstanding and gracious couple.

Mr. Speaker, the community of Collegeville, the congregation of the Providence Church of the Brethren, the people of Montgomery County and her family will take Mildred to her rest tomorrow, September 24. I regret that I can not be there to raise my voice in prayer along with the rest of the community but my duties as the Congressman from Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District require my presence here on Capitol Hill. But I know that Mildred would remind me of my responsibilities and my obligation to those I am proud to represent, including her family.

So, Mr. Speaker, I will stand here tomorrow, in the halls of the people's House, gratefully providing the representation to which the citizens of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District are guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. But my heart will be in Collegeville with Mildred and all those who loved her as I did. My prayers will be with my friend and mentor, Clay Hess, and the rest of Mildred's family. And my thoughts will be on the lessons I learned in the Hess household and the wisdom I gained from Mildred. This great lady has left her imprint on everyone she knew. As Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said in A Psalm of Life: "The lives of the great remind us, we can make our lives sublime. And, departing, leave behind us footprints on the sand of time." Mildred Hess, Mr. Speaker, has left indelible footprints on the lives of many and I am proud to have known her.

NO MORE MANDATORY SEX TRAINING

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I was particularly pleased by passage of the Treasury-Postal operations spending bill this past week because of a provision I worked hard to include in this legislation which will protect the rights of Federal employees. With the help of my colleague, ERNEST ISTOOK, who sits on this subcommittee, we were able to attach language to prohibit funding for nontechnical Federal employee training, including 'How-To' sessions on condom use, sex techniques, and the proper way to clean needles in order to shoot-up illicit drugs.

In 1995, I fought to deny funding for the Clinton administration's controversial agenda to promote diversity through mandatory training sessions. I have seen some of this training and it is truly shocking. I worked to retain this provision to ensure that Federal workers won't have to endure this training and taxpayers won't have to pay for it.

Mr. Speaker, the training sponsored by the administration goes far beyond employees' professional responsibilities. It is inappropriate for the Federal Government to use taxpayers' money to subject Federal employees to this kind of social engineering. Our language should put an end to this lunacy.

We should only fund those things vital to the function of the Government. I think most hard-working Americans would agree that training Federal employees to safely use drugs or wear condoms in no way falls under that category. I will work to ensure that this provision is retained in the conference report to the Treasury-Postal Operations spending bill. I encourage all of my colleagues to support this language.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES L. JOHNSON

HON. JAY W. JOHNSON

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true community leader in the city of Green Bay, WI, Mr. Charles L. Johnson.

In October, Chuck Johnson will begin his well-deserved retirement after 34 years of service to Procter & Gamble. He has served as the director of product supply manufacturing at the Procter & Gamble Paper Products Co. in Green Bay since 1990. Prior to arriving in Green Bay, Chuck worked for the company in Kansas, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

I have known Chuck for many years through his leadership in the United Way of Brown County. His service to the community knows

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no bounds. Chuck has also volunteered his time for the Greater Green Bay Chamber of Commerce, the local YMCA, St. Vincent's Hospital, Downtown Green Bay, Inc., and much more.

Under his direction, the Procter & Gamble Co. in Green Bay has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to area charities and civic organizations. Those dollars do not even begin to indicate the hundreds of hours that Chuck personally has given to the Green Bay community.

Somehow I suspect that Chuck's retirement will actually just mean that we will see him more in the community. I am certain that he will remain active and committed, because that is who he is.

Everywhere that Chuck has lived, he has reached out and given his time and effort to help others. He deserves our praise today because of the difference he has made in the lives of those around him. Today, we thank Chuck Johnson for all of the hard work he has done, we congratulate him on his many achievements and we wish him great luck in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GARY CITY
COUNCILMAN CLEO WESSON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate a long-time friend of mine, Gary City Councilman Cleo Wesson, on his receipt of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns [IACT], 1997 Meritorious Service Award. Cleo will receive this honor tomorrow, September 24, at the IACT annual conference, which is being held at the Fort Wayne Hilton in Fort Wayne, IN.

The Meritorious Service Award is presented by AICT to Indiana public figures who have devoted 40 years or more of noteworthy service to their communities. Cleo Wesson, who has displayed outstanding leadership qualities as a Gary City Councilmember for 38 years, has been selected as one of two people in the State of Indiana to receive the Meritorious Service Award, an honor which is in its first year of existence.

Cleo began his distinguished career of service when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force upon his graduation from Gary Roosevelt High School. After his return from the military, Cleo began his political career when he was elected to the Gary Common Council in 1959. As the representative of Gary's Fifth District, Cleo has served in a variety of roles, including Precinct and Vice Committeeman, and 7-year president of the Common Council. He has served on every council committee, been elected delegate to the State Democratic Convention, and has served as Secretary to the Lake County Democratic Central Committee for a number of years. In recognition of his years of service, Cleo earned the title "Dean of the Gary Common Council" on May 16 of this year.

During his tenure as councilman, Cleo has worked tirelessly toward the betterment of the entire City of Gary. The construction of three neighborhood parks in the Fifth District, the effective restructuring of the police department,

and the ordinance establishing in house demolition, were all projects conceived of and/or sponsored by Cleo Wesson. It was through the in house demolition ordinance that the unsightly junk yard at 21st and Madison Street was demolished, and in its place the Barbara Leek Wesson Community Center was erected. Other projects Cleo undertook include the relocation of the No. 4 fire station to 25th and Madison Street, the establishment of the Gary Community Mental Health Facility, and the founding of the Marina Committee and the Historical and Cultural Society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Cleo Wesson on his receipt of the 1997 Meritorious Service Award. His numerous endeavors in the field of public service have left an indelible mark on the city of Gary, as well as Indiana's First Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO THE EUREKA RESCUE
MISSION

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Eureka Rescue Mission and Family Shelter on its 13th anniversary. Located in Humboldt County on California's north coast, which I am privileged to represent in Congress, the mission is a model of faith-based community service.

The Eureka Rescue Mission was founded as a nondenominational Christian organization serving the homeless, needy, and poor of the city of Eureka and all of California's north coast. The mission, formerly the old Bay Hotel, was purchased for \$11,000 in 1967 and dedicated to the Lord on February 27th of that year.

All the years since, the Eureka Rescue Mission has provided help, food, shelter, counseling, and hope to those in need. Poor families and individuals find food, clothing, and shelter; those suffering from addiction find counseling and recovery programs; those who have stumbled and need guidance find instruction and support.

I wish the Eureka Rescue Mission every success in the years to come as they look to expand their good works and extend their helping hand even farther. The dedicated and hard-working people who make the mission work, while taking no government money, provide a rich example to us all. They represent the full measure of Christian charity.

MAINTAINING TRADE FAIRNESS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss the importance of maintaining trade fairness and how that fairness has been restricted in our trade relations with Japan.

Some of you may know about the market access case the United States Government filed against the Government of Japan before the World Trade Organization concerning

consumer film and photographic paper. Eastman Kodak Company has been routinely prevented from competing fairly in Japan by the Japanese Government, which has been protecting Fuji film, the domestic film manufacturer. For over 30 years, the Japanese Government has worked closely with Japanese business, using non-tariff barriers, unspoken agreements, and implicit understandings to keep foreign competition out of the Japanese market.

This case has far-reaching and precedent-setting ramifications. Why? First, this case highlights the nature of our trade relationship with Japan, where trade fairness has been a recurring concern. Japan is America's second largest trade partner but maintains America's largest trade deficit, which is 43 percent of our total trade deficit. Second, this case centers around the future of the WTO as an effective forum to settle international trade conflicts.

The ramifications of the photographic film and paper case before the WTO are immense. At stake is the future of free and open market access not just for film, but, for all companies looking to trade with Japan. I urge the administration to press the WTO to bring this complaint to a conclusion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, last week, when the House of Representatives considered H.R. 2378, the fiscal year 1998 Treasury-Postal-General Government appropriations bill; House Resolution 168, the House Ethics Reform recommendations; and House Resolution 233, a resolution concerning the House floor privileges of former House Member Robert Dornan, my vote was not recorded.

On approval of H.R. 2378, I was unavoidably detained in a meeting with constituents and the following day, I was in Minnesota to care for my mother who had suffered a serious heart attack.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 2378, rollcall No. 403; I would have voted "nay" on the motion to adjourn, rollcall No. 405; I would have voted "aye" on the approval of the House Journal, rollcall, No. 406; I would have vote "nay" on the previous question on House Resolution 168, rollcall No. 407; I would have voted "aye" on the Livingston amendment to House Resolution 168, rollcall No. 408; I would have voted "nay" on the Murtha amendment to House Resolution 168, rollcall No. 409; I would have voted "nay" on the Tauzin amendment to House Resolution 168, rollcall No. 410; I would have voted "nay" on the Bunning amendment to House Resolution 168, rollcall No. 411; I would have voted "aye" on the Cardin motion to recommit House Resolution 168, rollcall No. 412; I would have voted "nay" on final passage of House Resolution 168, rollcall No. 413; I would have voted "nay" on the Stearns motion to table House Resolution 233, rollcall No. 414; and I would voted "aye" on House Resolution 233, rollcall No. 415.