

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

J.C. WATTS, JR.—A BUILDER

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with mixed emotions that I submit this statement for the RECORD. On one hand, I am always eager to express my great appreciation for the significant impact my friend and colleague, the Honorable J.C. WATTS, Jr., has had on the direction and legislation developed during his tenure on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. On the other hand, I regret that I must announce a temporary leave of absence for Mr. WATTS from the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for the remainder of the 106th Congress.

As a member of the Committee J.C. provided critical support to legislation that impacted his congressional district, the state of Oklahoma, and the nation. Nearly 50 years ago, President Eisenhower recognized the need for a massive effort to build the infrastructure system of this great nation. He recognized that a robust infrastructure is vital to the economic health of America. In the same spirit of enterprise, J.C. WATTS demonstrated his commitment to the nation by ensuring the committee continue its work in building America's infrastructure.

J.C. WATTS was a member of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee during the 105th Congress when the subcommittee developed landmark legislation, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), creating a firewall around the Highway Trust Fund, enabling America to build its infrastructure at a level unprecedented in history. His leadership was also instrumental during the first session of the 106th Congress as J.C. served on the Aviation Subcommittee. In the same way, the Aviation Subcommittee was successful in sponsoring watershed legislation for the aviation community, the Aviation Improvement and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR-21), that took the aviation trust fund off budget and released unparalleled funding for the building of our nation's aviation infrastructure.

I am proud to have had the opportunity to have J.C. represent Oklahoma and the rest of the Nation on a committee so vital to the heart of our economic stability and growth. While always focused on ensuring the nation's benefit was considered foremost, J.C. fought for and succeeded in ensuring an equitable distribution of funding for the state of Oklahoma.

I am also pleased with the relationship I have developed with J.C. over the past four and one-half years. I have assured my friend that, although he may have accepted a leave of absence from the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, he will continue to play a significant role on legislation impacting infrastructure issues as we continue to strive to build the heart of America.

IN HONOR OF ALINA DUNAIEVA
AND DAVID JOHNSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alina Dunaeva and David Johnson, two recent high school graduates who have worked diligently to improve their community.

Alina and David are ending their terms as the leaders of the Tenth Congressional District Youth Congress, a group dedicated to making a difference for young people in the Cleveland area. This year, they lead members in following the group's mission to improve educational opportunities, community resources for students, and their environment, in part by holding a press conference about local levies and participating in a clean-up project on Cleveland's west side.

In guiding this group through its first full school year, Alina and David have helped to build a forum for a diverse group of students to share their ideas and create constructive solutions to issues that are important to young people.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Alina Dunaeva and David Johnson for their outstanding commitment to encouraging youth to become involved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM NUSSLE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 15, my vote was not recorded on rollcall vote No. 296. Had my vote been recorded, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 12, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall votes Nos. 277, 278, and 279. The votes were on agreeing to the day's journal, on passage of H. Con. Res. 107, and on passage of H. Con. Res. 117. If I had been present, I would have voted "aye" on all of these measures.

TRIBUTE TO STANLEY
REMELMEYER

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor a beloved figure from my district, Mr. Stanley Remelmeyer. Stan recently passed away at the age of 81, and he will forever be remembered for his unconditional dedication to the City of Torrance.

From 1995 to 1988, Stan Remelmeyer diligently served Torrance as City Attorney. During his tenure, small town Torrance with a population of 35,000 grew into a large urban center of more than 140,000 residents. Local officials credit Remelmeyer with guiding the city through years of complicated legal matters associated with the development.

Upon retirement in 1988, Remelmeyer fondly recalled his years as City Attorney and reaffirmed his belief that city government was "the heart of the country." He remained active as a consultant for the Redondo Beach City Attorney's Office right up until the day he died. Remelmeyer continued to keep a busy schedule, regularly traveling throughout California on behalf of Redondo Beach. A graduate of Harvard Law School, he remained dedicated to his two loves, the law profession and city government.

Remelmeyer was a pioneer and he leaves a lasting imprint upon the City of Torrance. He fought to preserve Madrona Marsh, now a Torrance landmark, and the city's telecommunications center bears his name.

The City of Torrance has lost a true friend. His lifelong career of service will forever be remembered in Torrance. Stanley Remelmeyer will be dearly missed, but his legacy will live on in the City of Torrance.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JEFFREY J.
HATHAWAY, UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional United States Coast Guard Officer, Captain Jeffrey Jay Hathaway. This week Captain Hathaway completes an extremely successful three-year tour as the Coast Guard's Liaison to this body and to the United States Senate. It is a pleasure to recognize a few of his many achievements.

A native of Whittier, California, Jeff Hathaway began his career by attending the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut graduating in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Upon entering the Coast Guard fleet after graduation, then Ensign Hathaway was assigned to USCGC *Venturous* (WMEC 625) in Long Beach, California

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as a deck watch officer. Subsequent afloat tours have included duty as Operations Officer aboard *Venturous* and as Commanding Officer of USCGC *Citrus* (WMEC 300) in Coos Bay, Oregon, USCGC *Legare* (WMEC 912) in Portsmouth, Virginia and USCGC *Munro* (WHEC 724) in Alameda, California.

Captain Hathaway's experience ashore has included assignments as a duty officer in the Coast Guard Pacific Area Command Center, assignment officer in the Officer Personnel Division of Coast Guard Headquarters, and cutter management duty on the Pacific Area Operations Division staff. In 1989, he was hand-picked to serve as the Military Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation and served in that assignment until 1991.

Captain Hathaway earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of California at Irvine in 1983 and a Master of Science Degree in National Resources Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1994.

His continued exemplary performance led him to be selected ahead of his peers for the ranks of Commander and Captain. His numerous personal awards include two Legions of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals and three Coast Guard Achievement Medals.

Jeff Hathaway arrived for duty as the Chief of the Coast Guard's Congressional and Governmental Affairs Staff in July 1996. In this capacity, he has been instrumental in providing the Congress with an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the Coast Guard. Most importantly, Captain Jeff Hathaway has come to epitomize those qualities we expect from our Coast Guard men and women—an intense sense of honor, respect and above all devotion to duty.

Mr. Speaker, Jeff Hathaway has served our country with distinction for the past 25 years. As he continues to do so, I call upon my colleagues from both sides of the aisle and the other body to wish him, his lovely wife Rebecca, and their four children, Allison, Paul, Brianna, and Kenneth, much continued success in the future, as well as fair winds and following seas.

IN HONOR OF THE JOHN ADAMS
HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The John Adams School Class of 1969 as they are to celebrate their 30 year reunion on August 21st, 1999. The reunion committee has worked hard and been highly successful in tracking the class of 1969, holding a database of 400 out of the original 521 students who attended John Adams in that year. An amazing feat when it is considered that the former students are scattered the length of the country from California to New York, including those who have remained in Cleveland, where they began their education.

The John Adams High School, which opened in Cleveland in 1923, was unfortunately closed on June 13th 1995, making the reunion all the more important as a reminder of the exceptionally hard work done by the

school staff in educating thousands of young people. In its seven and half decades, John Adams was a proud symbol of public education, an inspiration for many as a place where working class families sent their children to be educated in an environment rich in racial and cultural diversity. This proved to be decisive for many of the students of John Adams, lending them to use their experiences to motivate others.

The class of 1969 were a good, cohesive group, a rich pool of talent that has created a group of highly successful and motivated individuals. Of particular inspiration to the group has been the dedicated work and commitment of their former principal, Mr. J. Robert Kline, an attendee at every reunion held by the Alumni Association, and a highly instrumental player in the success of every reunion held by the Alumni Association, and a highly instrumental player in the success of the class.

My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting The John Adams High School Class of 1969 in their continual dedication to our community. They all benefited from their inspirational education in Cleveland and I am pleased to recognize their accomplishments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
PRESIDENT FOR MEDICARE PRE-
VENTIVE CARE PROPOSALS:
CONGRESS SHOULD ENACT THEM
THIS YEAR

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of enhancing the preventive benefits available in the Medicare program. The President's Medicare reform plan has taken a step in the right direction by eliminating cost sharing on preventive services. This will encourage more beneficiaries to seek out mammography and other valuable screening tests. Let's continue this work by encouraging outreach efforts targeting preventive care.

The number don't lie. Prevention saves lives. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that "our country cannot decrease its enormous healthcare costs, much less its priority health problems, without addressing in a fundamentally more aggressive manner, the prevention of chronic disease." (Unrealized Prevention Opportunities; Reducing the Health and Economic Burden of Chronic Disease, CDC Publication March, 1997)

The most preventable cause of death in our society is tobacco use. Although we hope to target new initiatives for preventing tobacco use primarily to children and adolescents, a lot can be accomplished with smoking cessation efforts in the senior population. The President's decision to include such programs in his reform plan makes good sense. Studies have shown that health risks attributable to smoking decrease significantly within a few years after quitting, regardless of age. Tobacco use costs the nation \$50 billion annually, in medical expenses alone. Smoking cessation efforts can help to reduce this immense burden on the health care system.

With most chronic diseases, early detection is the key to successful treatment. Early de-

tection also has the potential to save money. For example, treatment costs for breast cancer diagnosed in the localized stage are as much as 32 percent lower than treatment costs for later state diagnosis. Regular screening can detect cancers of the breast, colon, cervix, among others, at early stages. Currently, about 66 percent of people with these cancers survive for more than 5 years. With improved early detection efforts, about 95 percent or an additional 115,000 people would survive for 5 years or more. You can't put a price tag on that.

In the case of diabetes, the CDC has found that enhanced prevention could save the Medicare program nearly a billion dollars per year. For example, if all people with diabetes received recommended eye disease screening and followup, the annual savings to the federal budget could exceed \$470 million. Second, over half of the 57,000 lower extremity amputations associated with diabetes could be prevented. These preventable amputations currently cost \$285 million annually.

Finally, at least half of the 19,000 new cases of diabetes related kidney disease could be prevented. These preventable cases cost over \$350 million annually.

Prevention makes good sense in terms of both human and monetary costs. To not support the prevention of chronic diseases is to turn our backs on addressing the major health issue of our time.

CONGRATULATING HAWTHORNE
FIRE CO. NO. 2

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Hawthorne Fire Co. No. 2 on the completion of extensive renovations as its firehouse in Hawthorne, NJ. This virtually new structure will enhance the ability of the fire company's dedicated volunteers to protect the lives and property of community residents in the most efficient and modern manner possible.

Organized in 1910 by 25 Hawthorne residents concerned about the need for fire protection in their town, Fire Co. No. 2 is seen nearly a century of service. In the beginning, the fire company possessed a horse-drawn hose cart purchased by the town, but no formal firehouse. Since 1919, the company has been headquartered in a firehouse at 10 Llewellyn Ave.

Many changes and additions to the firehouse have been made in the past 80 years to accommodate new equipment, functions, and firefighting technique. With an increasingly large fleet of fire engines and the increasing size of fire apparatus—including a recently purchased 85-foot ladder truck—it became clear in recent years that a new facility was needed, however.

The fire company launched a \$280,000 fund-raising drive coordinated by a renovation committee chaired by veteran volunteer Tom Furrey. The committee conducted a number of fund-raisers and obtained both a mortgage and a loan from the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety to finance the project.

The result is an extensively renovated and enlarged firehouse. Additional space, a new