

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SALUTING THE SPIRIT OF WALTER PAYTON

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a sad day for everyone in Chicagoland and for everyone who loved sports. But it was also a sad day for everyone who cherished the life of a special man whose influence extended far beyond the stadiums in which he played.

With the death of Walter Payton, we not only have lost one of football's greatest stars, but we have also lost one of America's greatest citizens.

His nickname was "Sweetness," the perfect description for a Hall of Fame running-back whose silky smooth performance on the football field was the bane of most defenses.

There is no doubt that Walter Payton will be remembered for his records, especially his remarkable all-time rushing total of 16,726 yards over his 13-year career. More importantly, however, he will be remembered for the grace and dignity with which he carried himself both on and off the field.

A lifelong Chicago Bears fan, I have sat in the bitter cold of Soldier Field only to have my spirit warmed by Water Payton's fierce determination and his amazing feats of athletic prowess. But I also saw the way he warmed people's hearts in his everyday life. He was someone who recognized the power of faith and the value of teamwork.

As a local business owner in my district, Walter Payton played an important role in the economic revitalization of downtown Aurora, IL. While he built a successful restaurant and created new jobs for the area, he also became an integral part of the community.

It was the same with the Bears. Walter Payton was the glue that often held a fractious team together. By his own example and leadership, he helped younger players meet new challenges, while at the same time encouraging veterans to reach new heights.

As a high school coach, I saw the way Walter Payton inspired young athletes to strive to do their best. He was a true role model because he exemplified an important life lesson that teaches us that success requires hard work, discipline, and concentration.

It was a philosophy that made him physically powerful and spiritually centered. And it should come as no surprise that he approached his recent illness head-on, with the same courage and grit he displayed on the field.

But there was another side to Walter Payton—the playful and mischievous side that delighted fans, friends, and teammates. Walter Payton had the confidence to live his life to the fullest. And he had the rare ability to make us revel in that life along with him.

Just last February, Walter Payton said: "It's just like football. You never know when or what your last play is going to be. You just

play it and play it because you love it. Same way with life. You live life because you love it. If you can't love it, you just give up hope."

Walter Payton never gave up hope. It is with fondness for that spirit that we remember him today and forever.

**HONORING JAMESSETTA A.
HALLEY-BOYCE, PH.D**

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Jamesetta A. Halley-Boyce.

Dr. Jamesetta A. Halley-Boyce, a native New Yorker received her Ph.D. in Health Care Services Administration from the Walden University of Indiana at Bloomington. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Hunter College and her Master's from New York University. She holds a Certificate of Training from the Johnson and Johnson Fellows Program (Class of 1985) in Management for Executive Nurses, from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business.

During her twenty-one year career with the Department of Veterans Affairs, she held increasingly more challenging assignments in nursing leadership positions as VA Medical Centers throughout the United States. Her last assignment was Chief of Nursing Service at the Brooklyn VAMC where her responsibilities included the delivery of nursing care at the Medical-Surgical Hospital on the Main Campus, the Ambulatory Care Clinic at Ryerson Street in Brooklyn and the St. Albans Extended Care Center in Queens, New York. Additionally, Dr. Halley-Boyce has served as Chief of Nursing at the VAMCs in Asheville, North Carolina, Northport, Long Island, New York, and East Orange, New Jersey. In 1987, Dr. Halley-Boyce appeared before the Committee on Veterans Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, to give testimony as the Chief, Nursing Service member of a panel of VA field experts. The two-day hearings addressed the impact of the President's proposed fiscal year 1988 Veterans Administration Budget.

Recognized as a leader in the profession of Nursing, Dr. Halley-Boyce has held elected offices in the New Jersey State Nurses' Association, the New York State Nurses' Association's Council on Human Rights and the Inter-professional Relations Committee of the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Inc. She is past President of the Greater New York/Nassau/Suffolk Organization of Nurse Executives and is a previous Board Member of the New York State Organization of Nurse Executives. She is the only professional nurse on the Editorial Board of the Medical Herald, a National Urban Health Care Newspaper. Dr. Halley-Boyce is a recognized expert on quality management in the delivery of health care services and has lectured widely and pub-

lished on this subject. She has held numerous faculty appointments; at the Seton Hall University, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Duke University, Thomas Edison State College, the State University Center at Stony Brook, and currently at the SUNY-Health Science Center at Brooklyn. In 1991, she founded the Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. Mentor Program partnership with the SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn College of Nursing and University Hospital's Department of Nursing Services. As a result of that Membership Program, several hundred student nurses at UHB and most recently at New York City Technical College, have successfully made the transition into the profession of nursing.

In October 1990, Dr. Halley-Boyce joined the State of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn, Downstate Medical Center, as the Chief Nurse Executive Officer. She currently serves as the Interim Vice President for Hospital Affairs & Chief Executive Officer of University Hospital of Brooklyn. Dr. Halley-Boyce, a Diplomate of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) was appointed a member of the Regent's Advisory Council for the New York area in 1997. Dr. Halley-Boyce is also an active member of several other professional organizations on the national, state and local levels, including the National Association of Health Services Executives, the American Organization of Nurse Executives, American Nurses' Association, Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Chi Eta Phi Sorority.

In addition to her distinguished professional career and active membership in several professional organizations, Dr. Halley-Boyce has also received several awards for achievement, leadership and outstanding community service. Awards such as: Federal Executive Manager of the Year 1990, awarded by the Greater New York Federal Executive Board; The Community Service Award for Outstanding Contribution and Dedication to the Brooklyn Community by the HSCB/UHB Community Advisory Board; and the Women of Distinction Award by the YMCA of Brooklyn.

TRIBUTE TO WANGKAY FANG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to WangKay Fang, a leader in the Hmong community who passed away on October 6, 1999 in Fresno. Mr. Fang left behind six brothers, nine sisters, five daughters, three sons and twelve grandchildren, along with many fellow countrymen and women.

Mr. Fang will forever be remembered as one of the respected Hmong leaders who spent his entire life dedicated to helping his fellow countrymen during and after the cold war in Laos. During the U.S./Vietnam War,

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Captain WangKay Fang served 15 years for the United States Secret Army operation, in Laos under the command of General Vang Pao. His service and dedication shall remain etched in history for generations to come. Mr. Fang's military leadership has contributed to the common interests of the world in order to protect against the spread of communism, and preserve peace, freedom and democracy in Southeast Asia.

During the U.S./Vietnam War, Mr. Fang was the mission commander of the Special Guerilla Unit to fight against communists and rescue U.S. pilots shot down in Laos. In addition, Mr. Fang was in charge of the military department for medical personnel.

Mr. WangKay Fang arrived in the United States in August, 1976 as a political refugee from Laos. His family re-settled in California. Mr. Fang worked diligently to address the Hmong and Laotian resettlement difficulties in a new society. During his 24 years of re-settlement in the United States, Mr. Fang took on numerous leadership roles: chairman of the Hmong International New Year in Fresno from 1966–1998; co-founder of the Hmong Youth Foundation of Fresno; co-founder and President of the United Hmong International Council from 1996–1998; co-founder and Vice President of the Hmong National Council of Fresno from 1994–1996; co-founder and board member of the Hmong Council from 1981–91, and vice president from 1992–1994; Board member for the Lao Community of Fresno from 1981–1991; co-founder and board member for the Lao Family Community headquarters in Orange County from 1978–1981.

Mr. Fang is also an active member of political advocacy in the Hmong community worldwide. He has dedicated his entire life in the United States to the promotion of freedom, democracy and human rights for the people and region of Southeast Asia.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. WangKay Fang for his dedication to preserve freedom. Mr. Fang is honored by his family members and his fellow countrymen as an honorable leader who was generous and honest. I urge my colleagues to join me in extending my condolences to the Hmong and Laotian community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, November 1, 1999 I was unavoidably absent from this chamber and therefore missed rollcall vote 550 (on passage of H.R. 348), rollcall vote 551 (on passage of H.R. 2737) and rollcall vote 552 (on passage of H.R. 1714). I want the record to show that had I been present in this chamber I would have voted "yes" on rollcall votes 550 and 551 and "no" on rollcall vote 552.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLEVELAND BROWNS

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cleveland Browns football team on their first NFL win as an expansion team. This win, in only their 8th game since being reincarnated, was impressive and magical. As a loyal fan of the team, I watched quarterback Tim Couch's last second "Hail Mary" 56-yard pass sail into the awaiting hands of wide receiver Kevin Johnson. The prayers of Cleveland fans were answered with the 21–16 win.

I applaud the team and its "never-say-die" attitude and efforts to win against the New Orleans Saints in this game. The two first-year players involved in the winning play, Couch and Johnson, have proven themselves stars already in their rookie season. But the efforts of the whole team and the entire Browns organization must be applauded. From owner Al Lerner and Team President Carmen Policy down to the individual players, everyone has exemplified themselves and the City of Cleveland by playing with the heart of champions.

I congratulate the Cleveland Browns on this historic win, the first of what will undoubtedly be many exciting victories.

HONORING MAXINE C. BROWN-REID

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maxine C. Brown-Reid, a leader in healthcare.

As Deputy Executive Director at Kings County Hospital Center, Ms. Brown-Reid is responsible for Network Ambulatory Care Services, Managed Care and Community Health. Her areas of responsibility include the hospital's clinics and Emergency Departments (except Behavioral Health Services), the East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center, ten Family Health Services Clinics and the Flatbush Health Center, the newest off-site facility.

Ms. Brown-Reid began her tenure with Kings County Hospital Center in 1982 as an Administrative Resident to the Executive Director. At the end of the one year program, she was appointed as Assistant Director for Pediatric Outpatient Services, followed by a promotion to Associate Director of Maternal and Child Health Services, Outpatient.

After seven years at Kings County Hospital Center, Ms. Brown-Reid relocated to Jacksonville, Florida, where she was the first black Administrator for Emergency Services at University Medical Center. Upon her return to New York, Ms. Brown rejoined the Network family by accepting a position as Deputy Executive Director at the East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center, and while there she was promoted to her current Network position.

Ms. Brown-Reid received her undergraduate degree from Fordham University and her MPA from New York University. She is also a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the American Hospital Association's Society for Ambulatory Care Professionals.

Mr. Speaker, I would like you and my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to join me in honoring Ms. Maxine C. Brown-Reid.

HONORING STAVROS NICHOLAS KALOMIRIS AND VIOLET RECKAS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stavros Kalomiris and Violet Reckas. They were the recipients of St. George Greek Church's Georgie Awards.

Stavros Nicholas Kalomiris: Stavros was born in Anniston, Alabama, on April 2, 1925. His family moved to Fresno when he was 8 months old. Stavros graduated from Fresno High School in 1943. He then joined the Marine Corps after graduation and served in the Pacific Theater for 3 years. Stavros saw action on Iwo Jima. He returned to Fresno after the war.

On February 17th, 1952, he married Clara Mitchell from Stockton, California. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Stavros worked for the City of Fresno, Street Department, for 25 years and retired in 1978.

Stavros served on the St. George Parish Council in 1959 and 60. He also served as St. George Youth Advisor for over 10 years and ran Camp Keola at Huntington Lake for many years before St. Nicholas Ranch was established. Stavros assisted Father Bakas at St. Nicholas Ranch by transporting campers to and from the ranch.

Stavros has been a life long member of St. George Golden Age activities as tour director for over 10 years and a member of the Order of Ahepa for over 40 years.

Stavros volunteers at Special Olympics every year. He and his family have been a very important part of St. George Church and the Greek Community for many years.

Violet Reckas: Vi is one of nine children born to Peter and Vasiliki Reckas. A native of Fresno, Vi's affinity for ecclesiastical music came naturally: her father was a cantor for the Church which, at the time, was but a few blocks away from the family home. Vi attended Edison High School, and wound up working in the family bakery during World War II while her brothers were away.

The St. George Choir has been organized by her brother John prior to the war. Vi took over the direction of the choir at the urging of Dr. Limberakis during his tenure at St. George. During the 80's, Vi's outstanding work with the choir was recognized by (Bishop) Metropolitan Anthony Lakovos with a Gold Medallion. Vi's involvement with the choir became somewhat curtailed in 1991 when a tumor was discovered.