

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CPL. WALTER OLLIFF
MOORE, USA

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, when President Eisenhower signed a proclamation expanding the observance of Armistice Day to the commemoration of Veterans Day in 1954, he called for a day to “* * * let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.”

Thursday is Veterans Day, and we owe it to the men and women who have served our nation in the Armed Forces to remember their sacrifices and to honor them for the freedoms they have guaranteed for us today. Since 1775: 41,882,000 Americans have served their nation through eleven major conflicts; 1,091,200 have died in service to our country; 18,968,000 veterans of America's wars live in our communities today; and another 30,638,000 living ex-service members or peacetime veterans are our neighbors.

We must commemorate this day by remembering our veterans are our grandfathers, fathers, and brothers, uncles and aunts, or the guy next door. Most do not seek recognition for their sacrifices, but spend the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, remembering, reliving their experiences, and praying for their fallen comrades.

Walter Olliff “Ollie” Moore is one of those veterans. Unpretentious. A resident of Millen, Georgia, he was the guy next door in 1949. Engaged to be married to Miss Jacklyn Miller, he entered the service at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. With war erupting in Korea in 1950, as a U.S. Army Infantryman he was transferred to the combat zone and assigned to Company D, 19th Infantry Regiment. Ollie was wounded in action in November of that year. He recovered and returned to action on the front lines. He was captured by the enemy and was held captive as a Prisoner of War at Pyo Dong, Camp #5, in North Korea until September 1953. Corporal Moore returned home to Georgia in October 1953, married Jackie in February 1954, became a father to Walter Jr., and settled in as the guy next door.

Ollie is one of 41,882,000 American Veterans who has sacrificed for our nation, one of 6,807,000 who served during the Korean conflict, one of 7,140 Americans known to have been held as a POW in Korea, one of 2,814 of those ex-POW's surviving today, and today one man in a community of over 273 million grateful Americans. We owe Ollie and the many Americans like him a debt of gratitude every day. On Thursday, we must all take a moment to pay homage to those who have contributed so much to the preservation of our nation. You do not have to go far to find a vet-

eran; one may be in your family, a special friend, someone you pass on the street, or he or she may be the guy living next door.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID BREWER

SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor the courageous behavior of David Brewer. On August 15, David's daughter—Maretta—fell through a plate glass window, lacerating her arm and putting her life in eminent peril. Fortunately for Maretta, her calm and even-headed father applied pressure to her arm, saving both her arm and life.

While saving the life of his beautiful daughter is clearly enough reward in and of itself, Mr. Speaker, I thought that it was important that we all congratulate and thank David for his admirable behavior. Though none of us would ever wish to be thrust into a perilous situation like Maretta's and David's, if we were, we could only hope to act as calmly and bravely as David Brewer.

TRIBUTE TO LOYD WELCH

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, on the eve of Veterans Day, I rise to bring to the attention of the House the extraordinary accomplishments of Loyd Welch. Mr. Welch, a recipient of the Silver Star, deserves recognition for his valiant bravery on behalf of the American people while a member of our Armed Forces. I am proud to represent Mr. Welch in Congress.

Loyd Welch, now 74, fought in the 36th Infantry Division as a machine gunner during World War II. In October of 1944, German forces began an attack on his group. Throughout the onslaught, Mr. Welch held his position, firing his machine gun until it finally overheated. However, his determination did not diminish when his weapon failed. Instead, Mr. Welch lobbed hand grenades at the enemy, wounding at least 25 German troops. In the end, he allowed his company to complete its mission by his actions.

Mr. Loyd Welch is an outstanding and inspirational individual. His bravery and courage during this operation and throughout his service to our country is admirable and should be commended.

DIETARY MEDICAL EXPENSES

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide that amounts paid for foods for special dietary use, dietary supplements, and medical foods be treated as medical expenses.

There is an increasing amount of scientific data demonstrating the benefits of good nutrition, education, and appropriate use of dietary supplements to promote long-term health. Many Americans rely on dietary supplements as a means of maintaining good health and for some, to improve health conditions. Additionally, children with inborn errors of metabolism, and pervasive development delays such as autism require special diets and supplements that can create a significant cost burden to families. All individuals with autoimmune disorders, chronic inflammatory disease, and diabetes have special dietary needs incur significant expenses in regard to these needs. A long-term cost savings will be realized in health care by the adherence to special dietary needs of individuals with certain disease and disorders through the slow down in progression of disease and better quality of life.

The inclusion of dietary supplements as a medical exemption, will in no way re-designate them as drugs for regulatory purposes under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

DSHEA required the FDA to promulgate reasonable guidelines to regulate the content of dietary supplement labels. The goal of this requirement is to insure that the labels give consumers necessary information for decision-making in supplement selection and usage, without making claims regarding medical or disease benefits.

The FTC currently enforces a standard for advertising that conflicts with the intent of DSHEA. The FTC does not allow the same information in advertising of dietary supplements that is allowed in labeling of the same products. Dietary supplement manufacturers are currently allowed to make some statements in the labeling regarding the benefits of calcium, vitamin C, and other common supplements that have been studied extensively. However, the FTC makes it very difficult for this useful information to be used in the advertising. This makes no sense. The information that the FDA allows as part of the labeling of a dietary supplement should also be allowed in advertising the same supplement, yet the FTC is seeking to regulate the advertising of dietary supplements by denying to consumers the very information that the DSHEA required the FDA to allow be used. This dual and contradictory set of regulations undermines the intent of Congress.

I urge my colleagues to co-sponsor this Internal Revenue Code amendment. It would insure that all Americans with medical conditions that require special dietary approaches

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and individuals who are maintaining better health through the use of dietary supplements will not carry the burden of this additional expense alone.

TRIBUTE TO RACHELLE F.
JAMERSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Rachele F. Jamerson, this year's National Minority Female Entrepreneur as chosen by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency. Ms. Jamerson is most deserving of this award and I am pleased to count her among the constituents of South Carolina's Sixth Congressional District.

Before finishing high school, this ambitious entrepreneur put her talent for sewing and fashion design to work. Because no bank would take a gamble on a 16-year-old seeking to start a business, she raised her own capital by designing clothes, producing fashion shows, and creating a line of Greek paraphernalia.

She attended Winthrop College in Rock Hill, SC, and graduated with a bachelor of science in Fashion Merchandising. In further developing her entrepreneurial interests, Ms. Jamerson also attended a summer design session at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York in 1988.

By the age of 33, Ms. Jamerson had parlayed her early success in designing and selling women's wear into a diverse business that includes a nail salon, travel agency, financial counseling service and a deli. This "one-stop shopping" vision grew out of a need Ms. Jamerson perceived in her hometown of Orangeburg, SC.

The name of her business "Rachele's Island" is a reflection of her vision. Her concept is that every visit to her store will seem like a mini-vacation. The idea has caught on and the number of "vacationers" visiting Rachele's Island continues to increase. Ms. Jamerson's reported sales exceeded \$500,000 in 1998.

I applaud her ingenuity for turning a sewing skill into a diverse business. Such talent and vision are the hallmarks of a successful entrepreneur. Ms. Jamerson has demonstrated that she has an abundance of both.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring Rachele Jamerson for her outstanding achievements as an entrepreneur. Her hard work and dedication should be commended by this House.

TRIBUTE TO MURIEL OLBERT

SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday November 10, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a woman who was dedicated to the community, the church and her family, Muriel Olbert. In doing so, I would like to honor this individual who, for so many years, exemplified the notion of public

service and civic duty. Sadly, Muriel recently passed away.

Muriel's many achievements and interests speak well of the hard working woman that she was. She was born in Mancos, Colorado, on January 2, 1908. Muriel graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in education after which she dedicated much of her time and energy to students and education, including Mrs. Trundell's Private School in Huning Castle. In addition to being a devoted member of the Saint Paul Lutheran Church for over 50 years, Muriel was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Lew Wallace Chapter of the D.A.R.

As is evident from her devotion to her faith and her family, Muriel will be greatly missed by all. She is survived by her daughter, her brother, her two grandchildren, and her three great-grandchildren.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to a fine and cherished woman. Her memory of love and dedication will live on forever.

HONORING AMERICA'S VETERANS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to take this moment to salute each and every distinguished individual who has served our country in the United States Armed Forces. Our veterans should be commended for their outstanding contributions and dedication; they have made America great.

Every November 11, Americans take the time to say thank you for the freedom we so often take for granted. This country should not forget that freedom has a price. The sacrifices of those men and women who serve in uniform, as well as their families, have secured our liberty. We also need to recognize those that have paid the ultimate price of giving their lives for something greater than themselves. However, we cannot wait any longer to tell the veterans of today that they are important. It is time to say thank you.

I am a strong supporter of the National World War II Memorial which is to be built in Washington, DC. The site, located between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, was dedicated by President Clinton in 1995. The American Battle Monument Commission has been working hard to raise the money to build the monument, for which they expect to break ground on Veteran's Day 2000. This is supported by all veteran's associations, with the American Legion being one of the strongest supporters. Those interested in learning more about the efforts of the American Battle Monument Commission should contact their local veterans' organization.

I am proud of the thousands of veterans who reside in the First Congressional District of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that, on this Veterans Day, the residents of Valparaiso, Portage, Chesterton, Beverly Shores, Kouts, Burns Harbor, The Pines, Porter, Ogden Dunes, Dune Acres, Whiting, East Chicago, Gary, Lake Station, Hammond, New Chicago, Munster, Highland, Griffith, Hobart, Merrillville, Dyer, Schererville, St. John, and Crown Point join us in recognizing these noble individuals.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM ANDREW
WHISENHUNT

HON. JAY DICKEY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. DICKEY. Mr. Speaker, one of the highest compliments a person can receive is to be called a "servant," someone who gives of himself for others. A man that I have known for many years, a man of outstanding reputation, a man who has given a large part of his life in service to his neighbors, a man respected by his peers, is about to make a major change in his life. The people of the fair state of Arkansas would be remiss if they did not acknowledge that change.

Andrew Whisenhunt of Bradley, in Lafayette County in Southwest Arkansas, was born in the town of Hallsville, Texas. His family, however, moved to the Natural State while Andrew was still a baby. Though technically this means that he is not a native, Andrew is Arkansas through and through.

He has long been in the public eye, and soon Andrew will step down from the presidency of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation after thirteen years. A modern-day tiller of the soil, he has been a farmer for as long as he can remember, as was his father before him. With loving support from his wife Polly, and with help from his five children—Warren, Terri, Tim, Julie, and Bryan—Andrew has built the farm where he has lived almost all his life into what has been called a model of modern agriculture. It is a testimony to his abilities that his family was selected Farm Family of the Year and that he personally was chosen as the "Progressive Farmer Magazine's Man of the Year in Arkansas Agriculture."

His love for his chosen profession has carried him far beyond the fencerows of this 2,000-acre cotton, rice, soybean, and wheat-and-grain operation. The journey began when he joined the Lafayette County Farm Bureau in 1955. By the time Andrew was elected to the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Farm Bureau in 1968, he had served in almost every office in his county organization, including president. In his early years on the Farm Bureau state board, he worked on several key board panels, including the Executive and Building committees. The latter panel's work resulted in the construction of Farm Bureau Center in Little Rock in 1978.

His fellow board members thought enough of his personal industry and leadership abilities that they elected him their secretary-treasurer in 1976, an office he held for ten years. During that time, Andrew was also active outside of the Farm Bureau arena as, among other things, a charter member of the Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board, and as former president of both the American Soybean Development Foundation and the Arkansas Association of Soil Conservation Districts. In 1986, he was elected as president of the Arkansas Farm Bureau.

During his tenure, the organization has enjoyed unprecedented growth in membership, influence, and prestige. When Andrew accepted the mantle of top leadership, the Farm Bureau represented some 121 farm and rural families in the state. Today, that figure stands at almost 215,000, the eighth largest Farm Bureau of the fifty states and Puerto Rico.