

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING HARRY S TRUMAN'S BIRTHDAY, MAY 8TH

### HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 1999*

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Harry S Truman, the thirty-third president of the United States of America and to celebrate his birthday, which is May 8th. I am proud to represent the fifth Congressional district of Missouri, where Harry Truman spent most of his life. He grew up in Independence, ran a haberdashery in Kansas City, and in his later life helped with the family farm in Grandview.

Harry Truman's first year as President, which he called a "year of decisions," dealt with the end of World War II, the beginning of the Cold War, and the founding of the United Nations. As part of this critical time, Truman spearheaded the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan to resist communist threats and revive the ailing economies of Europe. In addition, Harry Truman was a major player in the creation of NATO—an organization that guaranteed peace in a reunited Europe and remains crucial to our efforts to support democracies throughout the world.

These tough decisions were not immediately appreciated by all Americans. In 1948, Truman's defeat in his reelection campaign was widely assumed, in fact a prominent newspaper printed before the final ballots were counted featured the headline, "Dewey Defeats Truman." Truman's "whistle stop campaign" brought his campaign to the people, and his willingness to confront issues and find solutions to the questions facing the country at that difficult time provided him the margin of victory for a second term as the Chief Executive of the United States. Harry Truman is a daily inspiration to me, and as I look at his picture hanging in my office, I draw strength from his courage and determination to take responsibility for the tough choices he had to make and to do the right thing for this country. I hope that our leaders today will also be inspired by Harry Truman and refuse to continue to be like the historic 1948 "Do Nothing Congress." Let us shoulder our responsibility and rise to the challenges before us at this difficult time in our nation's and our world's history.

In my office is a replica of the motto that Truman kept on his desk in the Oval Office: "The Buck Stops Here." Truman referred to this saying often, noting that "when the decision is up before you . . . the decision has to be made," in an address before the National War College in December 1952. The motto inspires me and reminds me that I cannot shirk my responsibility as a Member of Congress. I must make the difficult decisions and cast my votes to do the right thing for this country, our allies, and my constituents. Truman carried his favorite prayer in his wallet, and this prayer is one that we, as Members of Congress, could also find comfort in today, Mr. Speaker.

Help me to be, to think, to act what is right, because it is right; make me truthful, honest and honorable in all things; make me intellectually honest for the sake of right and honor and without thought of reward to me. Give me the ability to be charitable, forgiving and patient with my fellowmen—help me to understand their motives and their shortcomings, even as Thou understandest mine!

Happy birthday, President Truman! Thank you for your service to our nation and the world.

RECOGNITION OF EVA  
MCLELLAN, GREEN THUMB 1999  
PRIME TIME AWARD WINNER

### HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 1999*

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eva McClellan, senior citizen from Providence, Rhode Island who was recently selected as a Green Thumb 1999 Prime Time Award Winner.

I am a firm believer that we are all responsible for working hard to accomplish our dreams, and Ms. McClellan is an excellent example of a someone who had done precisely that. As a youth, her goal was to become a telephone operator, but she was later discouraged from pursuing that ambition because of a physical disability caused by childhood polio.

Ms. McClellan persisted in her dream, however, taking advantage of training opportunities and computer classes and striving to improve her skills. Now 67 years old, Ms. McClellan works as an Accessible Communications Assistant for AT&T in Providence, Rhode Island, a position in which she supports the deaf community by relaying conversations between deaf and hearing customers. Her employers have called her "a valued employee," and she herself says that her work is "so rewarding" and that she likes "helping others." She has led, and continues to lead, an outstanding life, and serves as a role model to us all.

Part of Ms. McClellan's continuing education has been through initiatives of Green Thumb, Inc. This organization has earned its excellent reputation as an innovative national non-profit institution leading the field of older worker training and employment. Serving mature and other disadvantaged individuals in urban and rural areas, Green Thumb has been an important and valuable resource to communities around the country since opening its doors in 1965. Last year, through Green Thumb and its programs, more than 28,000 senior Americans living on limited incomes contributed an estimated 16 million hours of community service. I salute this organization for its role in improving the quality of life of tens of thousands of our senior citizens, as well as the untold numbers of people who have benefitted from the wisdom and experience of these older workers.

Please join with me in the recognition and appreciation of Eva McClellan and other senior citizens like her. We owe much to these individuals, and to organizations like Green Thumb, Inc., for their significant and continuing contributions to our communities and nation as a whole.

## HONORING MADELEINE APPEL

### HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 1999*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Madeleine Appel, who is this year's recipient of the Houston Chapter of The American Jewish Committee's Helene Susman Woman of Prominence Award. Helene Susman was a widowed mother of two who became the first woman from Texas admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. When she died in 1978, she left a legacy of a commitment to Judaism, a belief in the importance of contributing to the community, and the need for individuals to act responsibly and with integrity at all times.

Madeleine Appel has demonstrated her commitment to her profession, community, and family in such a manner as to distinguish herself as a role model for other women to follow.

Madeleine Appel presently serves as Administration Manager in the Comptroller's Office for the City of Houston. Her work experience with the City of Houston has included a number of positions: Administrator/Senior Council Aide, Mayor Pro-Tem Office; Houston City Council from 1996–1997; Senior Council Aide, Houston City Council Member Eleanor Tinsley 1980–1995; and Administrator, Election Central, ICSA. She has also worked for Rice University.

She began her career as a journalist working as an Assistant Women's Editor and Reporter at The Corpus Christi Caller and Times. Additionally, she worked as the Women's Editor and Assistant Editor for The Insider's Newsletter and as a reporter for The Houston Chronicle where she won the "Headliners Award." She received her B.A. from Smith College in political science and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Madeleine Appel's community involvement includes Scenic America, League of Women Voters of Texas, Houston Achievement Place, Jewish Family Service, League of Women Voters of Houston, Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism, Houston Architecture Foundation, American Jewish Committee, City of Houston Affirmative Action Committee, and Leadership Houston Class XII.

Madeleine Appel has been married for 36 years to Dr. Richard F. Appel and she is the proud mother of two sons and two daughters-in-law.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Madeleine Appel for her service to her community and to

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Houston. She is the best of public servants and an inspiration to others who want to engage in public service.

# CONGRATULATING VIDA EL VALLE

## HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce an article by the Fresno Bee entitled "McClatchy's bilingual weekly honored again." This article speaks of the achievements and past honors of Vida en el Valle, the Central Valley's primary bilingual newspaper.

Vida en el Valle, the bilingual weekly owned by The Fresno Bee's parent company, McClatchy Co., was named the nation's outstanding newspaper in its category for the fourth time in seven years during the 11th annual Hispanic Print Awards sponsored by the National Association of Hispanic Publications.

Vida en el Valle also received six other first-place awards for editorial excellence, four second-place awards and four honorable mentions. The newspaper was judged the Outstanding Bilingual Weekly for the third consecutive year by the nation's largest Latino newspaper organization. Vida en el Valle is the only newspaper that has won the award for three consecutive years.

John Esparza, Vida editor and publisher, said the newspaper won its latest honors at the association's weekend convention. Vida competes among larger bilingual newspapers in the association.

Only the daily newspaper El Nuevo, published by the Miami Herald, and the Los Angeles weekly publication Vida Nueva won more first-place awards than Vida, Esparza said. The category for larger publications is based on annual budget.

Vida also took first-place honors for: "Outstanding color photo," by former photographer Tommy Monreal, who left the newspaper to work on a master's degree, "Outstanding color photo essay," by Monreal, "Outstanding political and economics reporting," by reporter Maria Machuca, about the citizenship process, "Outstanding entertainment column," by Andrew Landeros about comedian Carlos Mencia, "Outstanding entertainment section" and "Outstanding sports section." "This is the most first-place awards we've ever won," Esparza said. "We want quality news coverage for our readers and for the Latino community. This shows we are on the right path."

Mr. Speaker, Vida en el Valle has served a vital role in the Central Valley. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Vida en el Valle, and wishing them many years of continued success.

# PRAYING FOR THE SAFETY AND FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN

## HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 1999*

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning on the 48th National Day of Prayer to

ask all of you and the American people to join me in praying for the safety of our children.

Today's youth are growing up in a world very different from the one I knew years ago. We live in an age where most families require two incomes to make ends meet, and nearly half of all marriages end in divorce. Our children simply do not have as much supervision or guidance as we did. Add to that, the dangers of drugs and the prevalence of gangs and violence in our schools—as any parent knows, it is not an easy time to raise a family or to be a student.

My father died when I was a young boy, leaving my mother to fend for me and my brothers and sister. She couldn't have done it alone. In those days, neighbors looked out for each other and watched out for each other's kids. Our family received support from the entire community. In fact, our friends and neighbors considered us an extension of their own families. That's an important reason why my siblings and I were able to achieve our goals and live the American Dream.

Now more than ever, our schools, churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples need to stand together with our families to set an example for our children. Our kids are the future and we must invest as much time and energy into their well-being as possible.

I ask that we all pray for not only our teachers, counselors, and students, but also our law enforcement officials who are charged with the responsibility of protecting our children. It takes all of us to ensure that our children can enjoy their childhood and grow up to be successful adults.

# TRIBUTE TO REV. ROBERTO O. GONZÁLEZ, O.F.M.

## HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 1999*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to serving others, Rev. Roberto O. González, O.F.M., who was recently appointed by his Holiness Pope John Paul II to be the Archbishop of San Juan, PR.

Reverend González was born on June 2, 1950 in Elizabeth, NJ. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Siena College, Loudonville, NY, in 1972, a Master of Arts in Theology from Washington Theological Coalition, Silver Spring, MD, in 1977, and Masters and Doctoral degrees in Sociology from Fordham University, Bronx, NY, in 1980 and 1984, respectively.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend González was received into Franciscan Order in 1972, ordained to the Priesthood on May 8, 1977, appointed to the Episcopacy by Pope John Paul II on July 19, 1988, ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Boston on October 3, 1988, appointed coadjutor Bishop of Corpus Christi on May 16, 1995, and succeeded to the See of Corpus Christi on April 1, 1997.

Reverend González has been an outstanding leader and a great role model, not only to the religious organizations he served so well but also to the Hispanic community.

Mr. Speaker, I have known Reverend González personally for many years, and I am very familiar with his experience, character,

and personality. In short, Reverend González lives to help other people. He has been diligent in providing spiritual guidance and support to the members of our community.

The many religious organizations to which he belonged, like the books and articles he has written speak volumes about him.

As it is written in Hebrews 6:10, "for God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them," the community recognizes him, Pope John Paul II, too, recognizes him and honors him with this appointment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to and in congratulating Rev. Roberto O. González, O.F.M. for his new appointment to be the Archbishop of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

# HONORING MARK L. WALKER

## HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 1999*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize the accomplishments of a man who has made a strong commitment to protect and defend human dignity. On May 8, the members of Oman Temple 72, of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will gather at their 45th Annual Potentate's Ball, where they will honor their illustrious Potentate, Mark L. Walker.

Mark Walker was born in Dora, Alabama, in 1960. His family moved to Flint, Michigan, in 1975, where Mark graduated from Beecher High School. He then attended Lansing Community College, where he completed the Correction Officer's Training Program, and later received degrees from C.S. Mott Community College, and the University of Michigan—Flint, both times graduating with honors. Not content with stopping there, Mark is currently seeking a Masters of Public Administration, also from the University of Michigan.

It was during this time that Mark became involved with Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He rose to the level of 32-degree Mason, and has held positions of distinction within the group. He is recognized as a Past Master, Past Most Wise and Perfect Master, and Captain of the Guard, prior to his tenure at Illustrious Potentate. Whether as a member of the Shrine, or on his own, Mark shows a tremendous amount of dedication to being a positive force in the community. He has been an organizer of a Summer Food/Children Reading program, has been president of the Flint Park Lake Neighborhood Association, and the Great Flint Educational Consortium.

Mr. Speaker, the contributions that Mark Walker has given the Flint area in the areas of community service and education are tremendous, and I am indeed fortunate for the impact he has made within my district, especially amongst our children. I ask my colleagues in the 106th Congress to join me in congratulating him for his dedication and perseverance.