

TRIBUTE TO SHELLY BAUGH

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to share the story of a young woman from Centralia, IL, Shelly Baugh. Shelly's father served his country honorably and was killed during the Vietnam conflict when she was only 3 months old.

Until recently, she had spent her life trying to find any details out about her father, Pvt. Richie Githins. Twelve years ago a man who had served with her father made contact with her. His name was Chuck Gregoire of Allen Park, MI. Since then Shelly and Chuck have spent many hours together talking about her brave father. The pair also traveled to Vietnam together to see the place where her father was killed at gun point.

With yesterday being Flag Day, and with Father's Day just around the corner, Shelly's story is especially poignant. It is easy to get caught up in our day-to-day struggles, that we sometimes forget what is truly important—our family and our spirit. Shelly never forgot these values.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Shelly for keeping the story of her father alive. Her father gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect our flag and our way of life. Shelly has fought hard to capture and remember her father's spirit. To both of them, I say thank you for a job well done.

HONORING DOUG HARRISON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Doug Harrison for his 30 years of outstanding community service with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and Fresno County.

Mr. Harrison is the General Manager-Secretary of the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, having served in that capacity since 1972. The American Waterworks Association recognized his work in urban run-off quality research as the best water resources research of 1988. Also, Mr. Harrison was acknowledged by the State Water Resource Control Board in 1993 for federal Clean Water Act program assistance. Subsequently, he was named by the American Public Works Association as one of the Top Ten Public Works Leaders in the nation in 1993; and, Manager of the Year, 1999, by the California Special Districts Association.

Mr. Harrison has spoken nationally on urban storm water and flood control issues, including frequent testimony before the Congress of the United States and the California State Legislature. He has also published numerous articles and was a contributing author for a national water resources policy white paper developed by the National Water alliance for the Bush Administration.

He also serves as a Board Member of the San Joaquin River Conservancy. He is currently serving as a member of the Board of Di-

rectors of the Association of California Water Agencies, and is also the past President and a current Board Member of the National Association of Flood and Storm Water Management Agencies.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Doug Harrison for his 30 years of service with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and Fresno County. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Harrison many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD H. MARRIOTT

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Richard H. Marriott, former mayor of Sacramento. One of our area's most outstanding citizens, Mr. Marriott passed away on Sunday, June 4, 2000, due to complications with cancer and heart problems. As his friends and family gather for his memorial service, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in commemorating his life and many accomplishments.

Born in Ely, NE, Richard Marriott was one of four children of the former Anna Gertude Bernard and Joseph E. Marriott. He graduated from Nevada City Union High School in 1935, and he earned his bachelor's degree in English from the University of San Francisco in 1940. He went on to perform his graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley.

Richard Marriott's distinguished political career began in 1959 at a time when there was no district system in local politics. Starting in 1968, he began the first of two terms as mayor of Sacramento.

In 1975, he was appointed by then-Governor, Jerry Brown, to the State Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. Four years later, the governor named him deputy secretary of the Health and Welfare Agency. He retired from public service in 1982.

As a city councilman, Richard Marriott made a name for himself in championing the defense of organized labor. As mayor, he continued that pursuit. In addition to fighting for workers' rights, he served as editor and manager of the Valley Union Labor Bulletin. According to former mayor Phillip Isenberg, Mr. Marriott was the only modern mayor to come from organized labor.

Among various other accolades, Richard Marriott was credited with establishing prevailing wage rates for plumbers and other craftsmen on the City Hall payroll. This helped to ensure they were paid equitably with their unionized counterparts in the private sector.

In a time when the mayor's position was mainly a ceremonial job, Richard Marriott fought to extend the position's influence. He fought for his beliefs and worked to represent the citizens of Sacramento. His career was truly exemplary, and he stands out as one of Sacramento's finest public servants.

Mr. Speaker, as Richard Marriott's friends and family gather for his memorial service, I am honored to pay tribute to a much admired and respected man of our community. He touched so many others with his conviction and dedication to his family and the city of Sacramento. I ask all of my colleagues to join

with me in wishing Mr. Marriott's family our deepest condolences for their great loss.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2000

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I was away from the floor of the House on Thursday, June 15, 2000 to attend to official business in my congressional district and was unable to cast recorded votes on roll calls 280 through 291, relating to Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001.

Mr. Speaker, I regret not being able to vote on any of these rollcalls, but I particularly regret being unable to cast my vote against the Slaughter amendment to provide additional federal funding for the National Endowment for the Arts.

The visual and performing arts are important to me, but I do not believe it is appropriate for the federal government to have a major role in subsidizing the arts. The NEA is at fault for having funded blasphemous endeavors that offer no redeeming benefit to our community. Attempts by NEA officials to assure me that these offenses will no longer occur have not been convincing. Furthermore, I cannot justify this funding at a time when we are trying to preserve Social Security and Medicare and pay of our crushing national debt.

Fortunately, the NEA increases approved by the Slaughter amendment were erased in a subsequent amendment that was approved by voice vote.

Mr. Speaker, had I been present for rollcalls 280 through 291, I would have cast the following votes:

Rollcall 280: "Aye" on the Hansen amendment to the Dicks amendment, to remove the reference to the planning and management of national monuments.

Rollcall 281: "No" on Dicks amendment, to add a new section to provide that any limitation imposed by the bill which is related to planning and management of national monuments or activities related to the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Plan shall not apply to any activity which is otherwise authorized by law.

Rollcall 282: "Aye" on the Stearns amendment, to reduce the amount for NEA by 2 percent and to transfer the money to the fire management account.

Rollcall 283: "No" on the Slaughter amendment, to increase the amount of the deferral for Clean Coal Technology by \$22 million from \$67,000,000 to \$89,000,000.

Rollcall 284: "No" on the Obey motion, that the Committee rise.

Rollcall 285: Quorum call in Committee.

Rollcall 286: "No" on the Sanders amendment, to provide \$10 million in funding for the creation of a Home Heating Oil Reserve.

Rollcall 287: "No" on the Doggett motion, that the Committee rise.

Rollcall 288: "Aye" on the Nethercutt amendment, to prohibit funds in the act to be used to implement any section added by a previous specified amendment except for activities related to planning and management of national monuments.

Rollcall 289: "Aye" on the Weldon amendment, to ensure that the case regarding Indian

gaming brought by Florida and Alabama against the Department of the Interior is fully adjudicated before the Secretary of the Interior is permitted to publish the procedures that would allow tribes to establish casinos under regulations that by-pass tribal-state compacts.

Rollcall 290: "No" on the motion to recommend with instructions.

Rollcall 291: "Yea" on passage.

TRIBUTE TO JANICE CALLARMAN

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Janice Callarman of Mt. Vernon, IL. After 41 years of teaching she is retiring.

Over her distinguished career, Mrs. Callarman has taught in Saginaw, TX, Watertown, MA, and at Casey Jr. High School and Lincoln Grade School in Mt. Vernon, IL. She has been dedicated to, and responsible for educating and shaping the lives of countless number of students.

As a former teacher myself, I want to thank her for all she has done. She has committed her life to one of the most difficult, yet most rewarding tasks. I wish her the best in her retirement. She will be missed.

CONGRATULATING AMORETTE YANG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Amorette Yang, who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Amorette of Clovis, California, has been named one of California's top honorees in The 2000 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Ms. Yang will be recognized with a bronze Distinguished Finalist medallion.

Ms. Yang is involved in numerous volunteer activities. Her most recent activities include the Hmong American Women's Association, Inc., Model for Hmong International New Year Cultural Events, Adopt a Highway, Clovis High Tutoring Program, College Church of Christ Nursery, College Church of Christ a cappella choir "In His Steps," CUSD Elementary Cheer Camp Coach, and CUSD Leadership Camp facilitator. With all of her volunteer accomplishments, Ms. Yang still is able to maintain a high grade point average.

The program that has brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by the Prudential Insurance Company in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are extremely important and highly valued, and to inspire others to follow their example. In only 5 years, the program has become

the Nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with nearly 75,000 youngsters participating since its inception.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Amorette Yang, who has received national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Amorette Yang many more years of continued success.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR; AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4578) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes:

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Chairman, I wish to comment on the Department of Energy's (DOE) Fossil Energy and Energy Conservation Research and Development (R&D), and Clean Coal Technology provisions in H.R. 4578, the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001. H.R. 4578 represents the hard work of Mr. REGULA and the members of the Appropriations Subcommittee and Committee and I appreciate their diligence.

The Science Committee has responsibility for setting authorization levels for funding civilian research at the DOE. The Committee has passed two authorization bills which address DOE fiscal year 2001 funding: (1) H.R. 1655, the DOE Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1999; and (2) H.R. 1656, the DOE Commercial Application of Energy Technology Authorization Act of 1999. H.R. 4578 appropriates \$535.6 million for Energy Conservation R&D programs, while H.R. 1655 and H.R. 1656 provide a combined \$623.2 million for similar programs. Furthermore, H.R. 1655 and H.R. 1656 provide \$442.4 million for Fossil Energy R&D, and H.R. 4578 provides \$410.4 million for similar accounts. Although H.R. 4578 does not fully fund these accounts to their authorized levels, Chairman REGULA has made a serious effort to fund R&D in a tight fiscal framework. Despite the shortfall in R&D funding, I am pleased the bill does provide \$11.7 million for the Science Committee's Energy Efficiency Science Initiative.

I am also pleased to see that section 330 of H.R. 4578 contains the Knollenberg amendment that prohibits the use of funds to propose or issue rules, regulations, decrees or orders for implementing the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change prior to Senate ratification. Mr. KNOLLENBERG's language assures taxpayers that Senate ratification must precede actions to implement the Kyoto Protocol. Given the glaring problems with this unfunded, unsigned, and unratified Protocol, such a limitation is proper and necessary and I commend the Appropriations Committee for including it in H.R. 4578.

HONORING PRO FOOTBALL GREAT MICHAEL GREEN

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2000

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, 15 years ago, our colleague from California, Mr. Badham, who represented Newport Beach before I had that honor, rose in this chamber to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of an important community event in Orange County. The event was premised on the "simple act of doing something nice for someone for no reason." Today, 25 years after the people of Orange County first decided to do something nice for someone for no reason, I'm pleased to report that "Irrelevant Week" and Orange County altruism are both thriving.

Irrelevant Week XXV is honoring Michael Green, from Northwestern State in Louisiana, who was selected 254th in the NFL draft. He is headed for the Chicago Bears, where—at six feet tall and 189 pounds—he will have trouble eclipsing the legend of Refrigerator Perry. Such long odds do not dampen the enthusiasm of community leaders like Paul Salata, who put this all together. That's because they recognize that all fame is fleeting, that humility is a virtue, and that even the last-round NFL draft pick is a significantly better athlete than most Members of Congress.

Today, my colleague Mr. ROHRBACHER shares with me the honor of representing the City of Newport Beach, and he joins me in congratulating all of those involved in this celebration, which has now, we can all agree, outgrown its name—for there is little in this world today that is more relevant to our spirit of community and our common humanity than doing nice things for other people. On behalf of the United States Congress and the people of Orange County whom it is my privilege to represent, congratulations to everyone associated with Irrelevant Week XXV, for being more relevant than you care to admit.

TRIBUTE TO OPERATION FIRST CHOICE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize "Operation First Choice". This group of Mt. Vernon, IL, residents recently received the "Make a Difference Day" Award sponsored by USA Weekend magazine.

They are a volunteer group set in place to offer area kids a chance at excelling in various activities, helping many who might be considered at-risk off the streets and out of trouble. The group consists of the Police Athletic League, Young Marines, and others.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers of "Operation First Choice" for their commitment to serving as positive role models. They truly are making a difference every day in the lives of the kids of Mt. Vernon and Jefferson County.