

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JOHN HICKS

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend, John Hicks, of Leisuretowne, New Jersey. John is a community leader without equal.

Having risen through the ranks of firefighters in Philadelphia starting in 1947, he became Battalion Chief of Battalion 13 in 1978. A true professional, his career in public service as a firefighter is rarely equaled.

On relocating to Southampton Township, New Jersey in 1979, John became involved in the transportation program, driving Leisuretowne residents to shopping centers, doctor appointments, and more.

John was first elected to Southampton Council in 1981, and still serves today. He has been both dedicated and adamant with regard to the Big Hill Landfill project, and is active as liaison between the Leisuretowne military veterans and Southampton Township.

John is very active, in a subdued way, accomplishing a great deal quietly, with dignity.

He is truly deserving of this tribute, and I am certain he will remain committed to serving the community for many years to come.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ARDMORE

HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rotary Club of Ardmore in Lower Merion Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on their 75th Anniversary this year.

The Rotary Club of Ardmore was founded October 21, 1925 by J. Elmer Watts and Albert L. Reinhold and is currently the third largest Rotary Club in District 7450 of Southeastern Pennsylvania. The 111 members of the Ardmore Rotary contribute about \$25,000 annually to community organizations and donate thousands of hours of time to public service initiatives.

Community service is an integral part of the Rotary's mission. The club was instrumental in the reopening of the Main Line YMCA in the 1930s. Club members travel weekly to the George Gordon Meade Elementary School to tutor students and help promote literacy. The Rotary conducts an annual Holiday Basketball Tournament fundraiser at Lower Merion High School and an annual pancake breakfast to benefit the Merion Fire Company. During the Holidays, the Ardmore Rotary raises thousands of dollars for local charities.

The Ardmore Rotary extends its charitable aims overseas as well. Frequently, Rotarians

travel to countries like India and Mexico to care for sick children and provide crucial medicinal vaccines to those in need.

The residents of Montgomery County are fortunate to benefit from the services provided by the Rotary Club of Ardmore. It is an honor to recognize such an extraordinary group of individuals on their 75th Anniversary.

IN OBSERVANCE OF LOVELIFE WEEK, OCTOBER 16 TO 22, 2000, BY THE LOVELIFE FOUNDATION, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to observe the third anniversary of the death of teenager LoEshe' Lacy, and to recognize the great accomplishments of the LoveLife Foundation, founded by her father in her memory.

On October 27, 1997, LoEshe' Lacy was an innocent victim to a shooting across the street from her high school. The name LoEshe' is Ibo/Nigerian and means "Love Life." Donald Lacy founded the LoveLife Foundation in her honor to work with at-risk youth, and to help garner a greater appreciation for the value of human life.

In its brief three-year history, the projects and successes of the LoveLife Foundation have been both numerous and varied. One particularly successful program is the LoveLife Arts and Media Training Academy. This program trains youth to produce television, radio, and theatrical performances that specifically address violence and its devastating effects on the community. The public service announcement, "Precious Gift", produced through this program, has received several national television awards, including a National Public Television Award, a Bay Area Cable Ace Award, and a Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame Award. The student written and performed play, "Legacy for LoEshe'" has aired repeatedly on local television.

The Mayor of Oakland has credited the LoveLife Foundation's efforts with contributing significantly to a 32-year low in the city's murder rate in 1999.

The LoveLife Foundation will observe LoveLife Week October 16 through 22, 2000. The Foundation requests that people observe this week by performing random acts of kindness to family, friends, and even perfect strangers.

Mr. Speaker, I am inspired by the dedication and commitment Mr. Lacy and members of the LoveLife Foundation have shown to improving Oakland and preventing more senseless deaths like that of LoEshe' Lacy.

I want to thank the LoveLife Foundation for its efforts to increase appreciation for the value of human life, and I encourage people everywhere to honor this great organization by observing LoveLife Week.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN HOLLINGSHEAD TAYLOR, HEAD START BUREAU ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, in the closing days of the Clinton Administration, as we reflect on our accomplishments and unfinished work, we can only look with great pride and admiration to the Head Start program and all it has become for America's children. The President and Congressional leaders may try to take credit for the increase in the numbers of children enrolled, the new expansion to serving pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers, and the increase in program quality and accountability. But the real champion of Head Start was Helen Hollingshead Taylor.

Helen looked out for the nation's children, and their world is better for her efforts. Deborah and I feel fortunate to have known and worked with Helen during these past seven years and will miss her fun spirit, her gentle nudge, her wisdom, and her passion to do right by all children.

Born in Fort Valley, Georgia, and raised in Cincinnati, Helen came to Washington to attend Howard University in 1964. Two years later, she received a National Institute of Mental Health fellowship to the Institute for Youth and Community Studies at Harvard. In 1973, she received a Masters degree in early childhood education from Catholic University.

Helen most recently served as Associate Commissioner of the Head Start Bureau in HHS. In this position, she ran a vital program that provides educational services to needy children who otherwise start school a step behind many of their peers. Today, the Head Start program serves 865,000 pre-school children of low-income families with an annual budget exceeding \$5 billion. Due almost entirely to Helen's tireless advocacy, Head Start enrollment expanded by more than 145,000 during her tenure, which began in 1994 and lasted until her death on October 3rd of this year.

Helen's personal courage and unflagging commitment to the cause of helping children was remarkable. During the last several years of her life, she waged a fierce battle with cancer, yet continued to work nearly every day. One of her most prized projects was the Early Head Start Program for infants, toddlers and pregnant women, which under her leadership expanded from 68 programs in 1995 to 525 programs now serving 39,800 children. Without her energy and vitality, the Early Head Start program would be far less developed today.

Helen's commitment to quality in Head Start is as much a part of her legacy as expansion of the program. As Associate Commissioner, she spearheaded an initiative on performance measures; revitalized the program's research

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agenda; established a new monitoring system; and revised the training and technical assistance system to strengthen ongoing efforts to improve quality.

Helen also worked hard to create community partnerships by fostering linkages between Head Start programs, community colleges and other institutions of higher education. She established partnerships between Head Start and child care through expansions of full-day, full-year services for children of parents in school, training and employment.

Prior to her appointment as Associate Commissioner, Helen was Executive Director of the National Child Day Care Association in Washington, D.C., where she oversaw a network of more than 20 school centers providing services to more than 1,300 children each year.

Her career is studded with awards, among them the prestigious National Public Service Award, an honor bestowed only on those individuals who have made an important difference in public administration over a sustained period of time.

In a tribute last week to Helen's lifetime achievements, HHS Secretary Donna Shalala said:

I shall miss Helen Taylor deeply. Helen believed in the potential of every child to learn. She devoted her life to Head Start and the education and healthy development of young children. Millions of children have benefited from her vision, compassion, and inspiration. She was a remarkable, vital, courageous woman who spent every day giving with all her heart to make the lives of children better. Her immeasurable contributions to early education will endure for years to come.

Secretary Shalala said it just right. I want to add my words to hers and say thank you, Helen. America's children will miss you, too.

IN HONOR OF HIS DIVINE HOLINESS PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of His Divine Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, the spiritual leader of the worldwide BAPS (Bochasanwasi Shree Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Santhsa). He visits the Greater Cleveland area on Tuesday October 17.

HDH Pramukh Swami Maharaj is the fifth spiritual successor of Lord Swaminarayan, the spiritual figurehead of the BAPS. At the age of 79, he continues to demonstrate the highest order of caring for others. In his role as religious leader, he has visited over 15,000 villages, 250,000 homes and personally counseled over 610,000 people. He also had the distinguished honor of delivering an inaugural address at the recent Millennium World Peace Summit at the United Nations. His compassion for humanity and his altruistic tendencies have formed the basis for a wide range of noble projects. All his work is united by the common goal of improving the condition of humanity as a whole. As such he is an example to us all.

BAPS is a remarkable organization which has reached out and touched over one million followers across the world. It has over 6,800

international centers for youth, women and children. Under the leadership of HDH Pramukh Swami Maharaj, BAPS has built the largest traditional Hindu Mandir outside India. In a nation of religious freedom and diversity, we should pay our respect to such outstanding work for the betterment of humanity.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me today to honor the arrival of HDH Pramukh Swami Maharaj to the Greater Cleveland area.

LUPUS RESEARCH AND CARE
AMENDMENTS OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. KAREN McCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2000

Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 762, the Lupus Research and Care Amendments of 2000, of which I am a proud co-sponsor. This important legislation will provide vital funding to strengthen research activities and extend medical care for poor or uninsured individuals suffering from this disease.

While lupus affects nearly 2 million Americans, this is a disease that disproportionately affects women, and especially African American, Hispanic American, Asian American, and Native American women. Women are nine times more likely to develop lupus than men. I have women friends who have been diagnosed with lupus, thus I know first hand how devastating this disease can be on individuals and families.

In Metropolitan Kansas City and the state of Missouri combined, there are approximately 29,565 persons diagnosed with lupus. Fortunately, the Kansas City and Missouri Chapters of the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., among other groups, coordinate excellent support services for those affected by this disease.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in full support of H.R. 762, because there is not yet a cure for lupus, and there are still too many people diagnosed with this disease who do not receive the medical care and support they need. I applaud the commitment of this Congress to enact this important measure.

HONORING JOHNSON & JOHNSON
ACTIVITIES CENTER INC.

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Andrew and his wife DeMonica Johnson as they celebrate the grand opening of their new non-profit elder care facility in the 25th District of Texas. The Johnsons have named their center Johnson & Johnson Activities Inc., with emphasis on the word "activities." The Johnsons' vision is to offer a place where senior citizens obtain more than just adult day care; they are offered a chance to continue to enjoy life and grow through participation in volunteer activities, and they can receive access to services to help overcome some of the obstacles that older Americans face.

The Johnsons, who are members of the South Post Oak Baptist Church which also lies in my District, have designed Johnson & Johnson Activities Inc. to accommodate life in the new millennium. As people are living longer than ever, the Johnsons are offering an alternative for the thousands of seniors in our area who possess time, talent, and the inclination to share their gifts with the community. There are many opportunities for senior citizens to share their experience and expertise to help others, such as caring for latch-key children, aiding at-risk seniors and their caregivers, counseling small business owners and working in our national and local parks.

In addition to offering a day activity program that includes volunteer activities, Johnson & Johnson will also provide rides for seniors to health care services; run errands; visit home-bound seniors; counsel seniors on health, nutrition, legal and financial concerns; and serve as an ombudsman to resolve resident facility disputes and ensure the safety and well-being of residents.

Just having a place for a caretaker to drop off a senior for a day can make all the difference. The Johnsons know first-hand what it is like to experience the exhaustion and helplessness that can accompany the noble duties of caring for an elderly friend or relative. Running errands, catching a child's ball game or recital, even paying bills can become impossible when a relative or loved one needs constant care. When Andrew Johnson's own mother needed him, he was there to help. But when he needed a day off to tend to his own life, there was nowhere for his mother to go. That is when the dream to open an adult day care and activities center began.

Johnson & Johnson Activities is designed to assist individuals in acquiring and/or improving self-help and socialization skills. Mr. Speaker, I couldn't agree more with the Johnsons' premise that senior citizens have much to share and bestow on a community willing to help and listen. I commend them on their new Activities Center, and thank them for their dedication.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 519, S. 2438, the Pipeline Safety Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea." Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 520, H.R. 208, to allow for the contribution of certain roll-over distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan, and to eliminate certain waiting-period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan. Had I been present I would have voted "yea." Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 521, H.R. 762, Lupus Research and Care amendments. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."