

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THERESA MCCAIN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Theresa McCain of Gardner, Colorado on her recent award. Theresa has earned the coveted National Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation. She is one of only four Colorado teachers to receive this high honor. Winners of the Milken Award are nominated by fellow teachers and winners are selected by a panel. They not only receive a cash prize but also a trip to Los Angeles where they participate in the Milken Foundation National Educational Conference.

Theresa began her career in education after earning a psychology degree from the University of Wyoming and then a teaching certificate from Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado. Shortly thereafter, Theresa began her distinguished career at Gardner. The Gardner school has 89 students, ranging from preschool through eighth grade, and teachers are often required to use many different teaching methods to manage students with wide ranging differences in age. It is educators like Theresa that have helped this school become the wonderful learning institution that it is today.

Throughout her time in Gardner, Theresa has always considered the school to be a group of teachers working together and she had this to say about her individual award in a recent article by Margie Wood, in *The Pueblo Chieftain*: "I feel honored to be here in this school. There are such wonderful teachers that I've learned from. I go to all these other teachers for help, so it's not my award—it's their award."

Theresa has served her community, State, and Nation proudly. During her tenure in Gardner she has helped ensure that hundreds of Colorado's youth are receiving the best education possible.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the State of Colorado and the U.S. Congress I congratulate Theresa on this distinguished and well deserved award.

Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS ST. BRUNO CHURCH

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I offer my congratulations to St. Bruno Church located at 4751 South Harding in Chicago, Illinois. This past September, St. Bruno's Church celebrated their 75th Anniversary serving the Catholic community on the south side of Chicago.

In September 1925, Father Alexis Gorski was appointed as the founding Pastor of St. Bruno Church. This place of worship has been the center for its Catholic patron's hopes and direction through many years of economic disparities and wealth throughout the 20th century. A young church helped bring support to the community during times of depression, war, peace, and advancement.

As time progressed there was a need for structural improvements with the church, too, as its congregation was increasing in size. In August 1955, under the direction of Father Francis Modzenski, St. Bruno dedicated a new church and four years later added a rectory.

As the need for improvements in the school arose, Father Szlanga proudly inaugurated the School Hall and gym expansion in 1978. To further improve the quality of education for its students, the current Pastor Father Joseph Grembala oversaw a multi-million dollar noise-abatement project for the school in 1995. And the church was once again renovated in 1998.

I wish to extend my heartiest wishes to the pastor, personnel, and patrons of St. Bruno Church as they continue to celebrate the past, present and future of their church community. My best wishes to St. Bruno Church on this wonderful milestone.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERALD YOUNG

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Iwo Jima brings to mind for most Americans the famous picture of the flag raising on Mount Suribachi and the impressive bronze statue that memorializes this historic event. The Marines fought one of the most brutal battles of American history on that porkchop-shaped eight-square-mile island—and brought honor to themselves and victory for our country.

One of the heroes of that conflict was a young, skinny, red-headed teenager from Texas—Gerald Edwin Young, otherwise known as "Red" to his Marine buddies. He served with the 5th Marine Division, 5th Engineer Battalion, "A" Company, 1st platoon. Gerald landed on Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945, day one of the battle. He had just turned 19 a few days before. Gerald had several duties—one of which was being a runner. Under constant fire, he would bring replacements to the battle front as needed, carrying out his mission time and again. He considers himself very fortunate to have survived the full 36 days of the battle—and did sustain a temporary loss of hearing after a grenade exploded near him. However, he refused the opportunity to be shipped off the island.

At the time of the historic flag raising, he tells the story that the first flag flown was too small and could not be seen so well from a

distance. As a part of the Company "A" team of runners, Gerald participated in relaying that message and the need for the larger flag, which is the flag we see in the photographs of that historic day.

Today, Gerald loves to talk and tell stories, but he has little to say about his war experiences, which are still painful to talk about. He does make it clear, however, that he is proud to have served his country as an enlisted Marine—and even at 75 years of age says he would do it again if needed. His grandson, David Riddle, is a Congressional Intern in my office and a student at Texas A&M University. He shares this story about his grandfather with much pride and admiration, and it is a privilege for me to have the opportunity to share this with my colleagues. So as we adjourn today, let us do so by paying tribute to this outstanding American and World War II Veteran—Gerald Edwin Young.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT J. STANZE

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, August 8, 2000 was a sad day for the City of St. Louis and our community. On that day, St. Louis Police Officer Robert J. Stanze was killed in the performance of his duty to protect and serve the citizens of St. Louis.

Officer Stanze was tragically shot and killed by a suspect in police custody. Bob Stanze was 29 years old, and leaves behind a young son and a wife, who is expecting twins. He was the 151st St. Louis Police Officer killed in the line of duty in the history of the Department.

No one becomes a police officer to make money, or to work easy hours. We all know that our officers work long hours, in dangerous situations, for a very modest salary. Nor is it fame that drives citizens to join the force. Rather, they join out of a sense of duty to their community and their unending belief that they can make a difference. Bob Stanze was one who was making a difference. His belief in duty and honor and justice formed his life, and was reflected in the way he conducted himself on and off the job.

Mr. Speaker, the loss of this fine young man is a great tragedy. His wife has lost his companionship—his son and unborn children have lost the love, guidance and example of a very special man. The entire St. Louis Community grieves with his family for their loss. Police Officer Robert J. Stanze has left a legacy of decency and bravery that won't be soon forgotten, and we are grateful to have had him among us.

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