

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of professional pleasure and personal pride that I rise today to honor an organization that I have long admired and respected. The organization of which I speak is our neighbor just across First Street, the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, though it is perhaps best known simply by its initials—ROA.

The association was organized in 1922, at the instigation of General of the Armies John J. Pershing, who was then serving as the Army's Chief of Staff. Like many others who served in uniform in World War I, General Pershing was convinced that the war could have been significantly shortened or avoided altogether if an adequate pool of trained officers had existed at the time. Taking his sentiments to heart, 140 Reserve Officers met at Washington's Willard Hotel and organized the Reserve Officers Association. It was largely through the dedicated efforts of that voluntary organization and its members that the United States established its Officer Reserve Corps, which was to supply the great majority of America's trained officers in the days leading up to World War II.

It is appropriate and salutary for all of us here to recall that these first ROA members were citizen-soldiers who clearly saw the approaching storm clouds. They pushed the nation toward an unprecedented level of pre-war preparedness that arguably saved lives and formed the very foundations of the great victories of democracy that were to follow.

With the end of the war, ROA resumed its normal operations, raising and maintaining the nation's awareness of the role and contributions of its military forces in the uneasy post-war world. It was in these tense days, in June 1950, that the Congress granted ROA the formal charter that established the association's object and purpose. That formulation was clear and direct, unambiguous and unequivocal: ROA was "to support a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security and to promote the development and execution thereof."

For 50 years, ROA has followed that guidance, and taken the lead in rigorously advocating a strong and viable national defense posture for our nation. ROA has worked to support concepts that have strengthened our ability to preserve our freedom and to advance our national interests across the world. It worked to revitalize and fund the Selective Service System, support our Cold War allies, and focus the weight of public opinion in favor

of our national commitment during the Gulf War, and expanding NATO. It has played a major role in persuading the Congress to provide more than \$15 billion in critically needed equipment for our nation's Reserve components.

In addition, ROA has also clearly understood that not all ideas are good ideas. It successfully opposed efforts to combine the Army Reserve and National Guard, and to disestablish the Coast Guard, and Air Force Reserves, as well as the Selective Service System and the commissioned officer corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Mr. Speaker, ROA has, for the past 78 years, proven itself to be a strong and articulate voice in the Halls of Congress and the corridors of government for all our service members. It has lived up to its charter and supported the cause of national defense in seasons when it has not been popular to do so. It has established an enviable reputation for nonpartisan expertise and even-handed advocacy, a reputation that has grown and flourished as defense issues have become ever more complex in these days of the Total Force Policy.

ROA enjoys the confidence of the Congress and of the Department of Defense. Its successful legislative efforts have made it a valued partner in the formulation and development of the annual defense bills and in building broad, bipartisan support for our men and women in uniform. Over the years I have learned that serious debate on any issue dealing with our Reserve forces is not complete until we have heard from ROA. As the number of members of Congress with personal military experience has declined, the importance of ROA's contribution to developing our military policy has increased exponentially. ROA has played and will continue to play a crucial role in shaping the debate over the appropriate roles and missions of our Armed Forces.

The nation is most fortunate to have such an asset to call upon. We should all be grateful. Congratulations to the Reserve Officers Association of the United States on the fiftieth anniversary of the granting of its congressional charter.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JONATHAN ANDERSON ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ASA HUTCHINSON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Arkansas' Third Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Jonathan Anderson of Bentonville, Arkansas, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Jonathan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2004. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Jonathan is an outstanding student who brings a special mix of leadership, service and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force cadets. While attending Bentonville High School, Jonathan has maintained a grade point average of 3.7, which has placed him on the honor roll for four years. Jonathan is a member of the National Honor Society and has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Outside of the classroom, Jonathan has distinguished himself as an excellent student leader. He has repeatedly lettered in the Bentonville High School Band and was the 1999 Marching Band Field Commander. He is a member of the Jazz Band, Chamber Choir, A Cappella Choir and the cross country team. In addition, Jonathan is a member of the Civil Air Force Patrol and with great pride he has advanced quickly through the ranks. He has received countless awards and honors through his involvement with the Civil Air Patrol.

Jonathan's grandfather served our country greatly in World War II, and his service inspired Jonathan to follow in his foot steps. It has been Jonathan's childhood dream to attend the United States Air Force Academy and become an Air Force pilot. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate him on completing the first step in his long journey.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Jonathan Anderson. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Jonathan will do very well during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

A CALL TO PASS THE HATE CRIMES PROTECTION ACT

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, two years ago today the conscience of the nation was shaken by the cruel and brutal murder of a black man, James Byrd, by white racists, and there were renewed calls for Congress to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

The murder four months later of Matthew Shepard because of his sexual orientation had a similar impact on the public. Since then, Jews, Asians, blacks, women and homosexuals have been attacked in well-publicized, widely condemned acts in Illinois, California,

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Pennsylvania, and even my own state of Maryland, and in a number of other jurisdictions around the country, solely because of who they are.

Those who argue that the apprehension and prosecution of the perpetrators in the high profile cases of Byrd and Shepard obviates the need for HCPA have failed to appreciate the assistance which HCPA would provide to local law enforcement. For example, because of the federal jurisdiction granted in the race-based Byrd case, Jasper authorities were able to access nearly \$300,000 of federal grant money to help bring those killers to justice. In contrast, while the authorities in Laramie, Wyoming, faced similar challenges in the investigation and prosecution in the murder of Matthew Shepard, they were unable to access any federal money. Unfortunately, because sexual orientation is not currently covered under federal law, the Laramie law enforcement officials were forced to furlough five law enforcement employees to help cover the cost of bringing those killers to justice.

While murder is the most prominent example of hate violence, other Americans continue to be brutalized, beaten, harassed, hazed, and vandalized simply because of who they are. No one in our great land should have to be concerned for their safety solely because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, or religious belief. HCPA will strengthen law enforcement efforts to ensure that hate-motivated crimes are investigated and prosecuted. We should pass it this year.

HONORING MR. DAVID ASHDOWN,
RECIPIENT OF THE TIME WARNER
CABLE NATIONAL TEACHER
AWARD

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. David Ashdown, an outstanding young teacher and recipient of this year's Time Warner Cable National Teacher Award. Mr. Ashdown teaches fourth grade at Cambridge Elementary School in Upstate New York. His award-winning entry, entitled *Save the Coelacanths*, engaged his fourth grade students' creative abilities through a multimedia presentation on oceans and ocean life.

David Ashdown has dedicated the last three years to upholding the hopes and dreams of hundreds of children in his classroom. He is known as the "technical and computer expert" throughout his school district. Mr. Ashdown used Time Warner's Road Runner high speed modem and service to create *Save the Coelacanths*. Each student in Mr. Ashdown's class wrote and illustrated one web-page of the story about the endangered coelacanth fish. The pages were all linked together to form an exciting underwater adventure with multiple outcomes.

I commend Mr. Ashdown's innovative approach to teaching. He has made learning fun and exciting in his classroom. His students learn through hands on experience in a technologically sophisticated, yet relaxed and friendly atmosphere. I salute Mr. Ashdown's efforts to provide a rich, intellectually stimulating environment in which children learn the

vital skills required to be successful in our society.

I also recognize the valuable work Mr. Ashdown does for his school district and for other teachers around this nation. He has dedicated himself to teaching professional development courses to other educators in an attempt to integrate advanced technology into more New York classrooms. His upcoming book, *HyperStudio Made Very Easy*, is designed to help teachers incorporate multimedia into their everyday teaching plans. His dedication is admirable, as is his desire to see students succeed.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating David Ashdown on his receipt of the Time Warner Cable National Teacher Award. Also, please join me in wishing him and his students the very best of luck in all their future endeavors.

WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION
FOR NANCY KAUFMAN

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I was very pleased—but not at all surprised—to learn that on June 7, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston will be honoring Nancy Kaufman, who has for ten years now been the Executive Director of that important and well run organization. Nancy Kaufman personifies the best in the Jewish tradition, and she is also an outstanding example of the spirit of community caring that is so important in America. Under her leadership, the JCRC has played an extremely significant role in a number of aspects of both the Jewish community and the Greater Boston community at large. We are very lucky that she has chosen to dedicate her very considerable talents to the service of others. Her first rate intelligence, her high energy level, her compassion, her wonderful ability to work others and to get the best from them—these combined make her an extraordinary leader of an extraordinary organization.

I have personally benefitted innumerable times from her advice and I have been proud to work with her on a number of important issues. Few people I know have worked harder, more consistently, or with more effect to make the world that they live in a better place.

TRIBUTE TO THE EVANGELICAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Godfrey, IL. They recently celebrated their 150th anniversary.

The celebration was marked with a service, a dinner, and a program, along with a display of memories set up in the church. It was a great time for the congregation to celebrate where they have been and where they are going.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage them and thank them for their many years of ministry. I wish the church continued growth and another 150 years of service.

HONORING THE BLOCH CANCER
FOUNDATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a family and a foundation that have changed the lives of thousands of cancer patients in our country—Richard and Annette Bloch and the volunteers of the R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation.

In 1978, Richard Bloch was told he had terminal lung cancer and that he had 3 months to live. He refused to accept this prognosis, and after two years of aggressive therapy, he was told he was cured.

Since Richard's bout with cancer, he and his wife Annette have devoted their lives to helping other cancer patients. Richard, one of America's best known businessmen, sold his interest in H&R Block, Inc. and retired from the company in 1982 to be able to devote all of his efforts to fighting cancer.

The Bloch Cancer Foundation, which is fully supported financially by the Bloch family, is fueled by over a thousand volunteers—other cancer survivors and supporters who share the vision of Richard and Annette Bloch, such as:

Doctors who have shared their time, knowledge and expertise;

Home volunteers who call newly diagnosed cancer patients and place the metaphorical arm around a shoulder. These home volunteers guide new patients through their apprehension and fears so they can face their disease with confidence;

Computer specialists who have developed the web sites so patients and survivors can seek help over the Internet;

Volunteers who give their time on a weekly basis to answer phones and e-mail and form the backbone of an organization committed to cancer patients;

The professionals and volunteers of the Bloch Cancer Support Center;

Those who help develop Cancer Survivors Parks;

Volunteers who helped to mail more than 98,000 books that were requested by cancer patients;

The Board of Directors who help Dick and Annette develop and implement the programs of the foundation.

I have also submitted a June 4, 2000, article from the Kansas City Star that further details the work of Richard and Annette for cancer patients in Kansas City.

Mr. Speaker, on June 4 we celebrated the 15th anniversary of Cancer Survivors Day, an event that was started by the Blochs in Kansas City and is now celebrated in over 700 communities throughout the United States. June 4th also marks the 20th anniversary of the Cancer Hot Line, which has received more than 125,000 calls from newly diagnosed cancer patients since its inception in 1980.

I encourage my colleagues to join me as I honor Richard and Annette Bloch and the volunteers of the R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation