

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MS. ELIZABETH  
"LIZZY" SEARLE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding student, Elizabeth "Lizzy" Searle. Her creative mind has earned her a distinguished award, the United States National Award Winner in Art.

In addition, Ms. Searle will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook in recognition of her academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibilities, enthusiasm, citizenship, attitude, motivation to learn and improve and dependability. Ms. Searle received her award for her remarkable dedication to learning. Ms. Searle is a model for all students to follow and one that will be sure to achieve great things. She has proven to be an asset to her school and the community.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say congratulations to Elizabeth Searle on a truly exceptional accomplishment. Due to her dedicated service and creativity, it is clear that Colorado is a better place.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER L. SMITH,  
PH.D., SCHOLAR, DISTINGUISHED  
EDUCATOR AND GREAT AMERICAN

**HON. CARRIE P. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as Americans all across this land of ours celebrate graduation—a time of transition—from schools and colleges, I rise to pay tribute to Walter L. Smith, Ph.D., a scholar and professor of many years who will be transitioning from a distinguished and storied career in education into retirement this spring.

When I think about Dr. Smith and his many contributions to higher education, our nation, and the world, I'm reminded of a phrase from a favorite old poem:

"To sow a dream and see it spread and grow  
To light a lamp and watch its brightness gleam  
Here is a gift that is divine I know  
To give a young child a dream."

Mr. Speaker, throughout his nearly forty year career in education, Dr. Smith has given generations of young men and women, the world over, so many wonderful dreams. It's been said that our children are our gift to a future that we will never see: Through his many years of labor and unselfish devotion to education Dr. Smith has helped generations of young Americans transform their wonderful dreams into a beautiful reality. These efforts will continue to bear fruit for generations to come.

Dr. Smith has always believed that the vast majority of our nation's children can be good students who will become good citizens. They are intelligent and they are longing for knowledge. He has also always insisted that society cannot, and should not, forget that small minority of students who are not "good" students or citizens. He's believed that we cannot just cast those few children, who simply lack proper leadership, out in to the cold solitude of ignorance. Rather he believes that it is these few, who we as a society, must truly concentrate upon. Dr. Smith has taught us all that it is our responsibility as role models to keep our youth on the right path—in schools, in class, and involved.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Walter L. Smith, upon his retirement. He has truly lived the life of a model citizen and he has earned the right to say that he's made a difference.

Few have achieved the success that Walter Smith has known in his profession. Few have achieved such universal respect and love from his fellow man. Few men have known the thrill that has come to this compassionate giant in taking young men and women and instilling confidence and pride in them to the extent that those lessons are never forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, It is with great pride that I ask this body to join with me in saluting, Dr. Walter L. Smith, a giant among men, a great Floridian, and indeed, truly a great American.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, due to my flight originating from Columbus, Ohio on June 12, 2000, being delayed several times, I missed rollcall votes No. 255 and No. 256. If I were present, I would have voted "no" on both rollcall votes.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on the evening of Thursday, June 8, and Friday, June 9, I was unable to vote for family reasons.

If I had been present, I would have voted: "yea" on rollcall No. 250, the Trafficant amendment to H.R. 4577; "yea" on rollcall No. 251, to approve the House Journal; "yea" on rollcall No. 252, the Rangel substitute amendment to H.R. 8; "yea" on rollcall No. 253, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions on H.R. 8; and "yea" on rollcall No. 254, final passage of H.R. 8, the Death Tax Elimination Act.

HONORING JOHN SCHWARZ

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor a man that has devoted his career to protecting the health of Colorado's environment, John Schwarz. In doing so, I would like to honor this individual who has exemplified the notion of public service and civic duty. Recently, the Public Lands Foundation named Mr. Schwarz its Outstanding Public Land Professional.

Mr. Schwarz was presented the monumental task of restoring the Blanca Wetlands, a dry arid area, back into a highly productive ecosystem. In doing so, his main focus was on designing a formula that would deal with the strong water opposition, while moving the project forward. His tenacity and professionalism were instrumental in reviving the wetlands into a vibrant and productive ecosystem. In recognition of his success in restoring this splendid natural system, John was named the Outstanding Public Land Professional. He traveled to Washington D.C. to receive the award on December 10, 1999. Public Lands Foundation President George Lea said at the ceremony that he hoped that "Mr. Schwarz's work will help the real owners of these lands to better understand and appreciate the high ideals and integrity that Mr. Schwarz and the Bureau of Land Management bring to this difficult task each day."

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Schwarz and his efforts to make his community a better place to live. His dedication and know-how have distinguished him greatly. The citizens of Colorado owe John a debt of gratitude and I wish him well.

A TRIBUTE TO LAUREN POLLINI  
AND IRENE SORENSEN

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fine achievement of Lauren Pollini, a seventh-grade student from Home Street Middle School in Bishop, CA. Lauren was a recent competitor in the National History Day Competition (June 11–15) at the University of Maryland. The competition involved students from across the United States who submitted projects on this year's theme: "Turning Points in History, People, Ideas, Events."

Lauren qualified for the national competition by first winning California State History Day competitions at the county and state levels. Her essay, entitled "Sunset School of Weedpatch, California: A Turning Point for

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Children, Teachers And Community," won the State historical research category. Lauren also won three special recognition awards and two historical groups would like to publish her paper in their official publications.

Lauren's outstanding accomplishments were undoubtedly guided by the leadership of her teacher, Mrs. Irene Sorensen. Irene is a past winner of the Richard Farrell Award from the National History Day as the 1996 Teacher of Merit.

Irene retired this month after 19 years of teaching at Home Street School and leading students to statewide and national recognition. The town of Bishop, and Home Street School are 200 miles from the closest university library or other academic research facility. Yet under Irene's direction, Home Street students have won at the State level and qualified for National History Day nine times during the 13 years of History Day competition. Clearly, the dedication of young students like Lauren, and the guidance of teachers like Irene Sorensen, make our public school system the finest in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing Lauren Pollini for her fine accomplishment. To say the least, her fine work is admired by all of us. I'd also like to commend Irene Sorensen for her fine leadership and her devotion to such remarkable educational standards, and wish her well in her new endeavors. Students like Lauren and instructors like Irene set a fine example for us all and it is only appropriate that the House pay tribute to them both today.

IN HONOR OF WISCONSIN STATE  
SENATOR GWEN MOORE, RECIPIENT  
OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF CHILD ADVOCATE'S ANNUAL  
LEADERSHIP IN GOVERNMENT  
AWARD

### HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to honor Wisconsin State Senator Gwen Moore. She is a remarkable citizen, and I salute her for being recognized today as the recipient of the National Association of Child Advocate's [NACA] Annual Leadership in Government Award.

The NACA initiated this awards program nearly 5 years ago to recognize excellence in the field of child advocacy. The Leadership in Government Award is given to city, county or State government leaders who have demonstrated consistent leadership, creativity, and courage in their political arena speaking out for and securing legislation that has a positive impact on the lives of children.

There is no one more deserving of this award. Senator Moore has served in the Wisconsin Legislature since 1989, and she has distinguished herself in the field of child advocacy. She is considered to be one of the most vocal, powerful and respected advocates working to improve the lives of children in Wisconsin. She worked hard to negotiate changes to Wisconsin's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [TANF] program in a highly partisan political environment. In addition, she has successfully obtained funds for community

health centers and nutritional outreach activities through the WIC program, the school breakfast program and child immunization efforts.

As government leaders, we all have a responsibility to act in the best interests of our children. Hubert Humphrey once said that, "the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped." Senator Moore is a shining example of what good government is all about, and we should all follow in her footsteps.

Again, I am pleased to have this opportunity today to honor Senator Gwen Moore. I am thankful that our community has been represented strongly through her leadership. And I know that she will continue to play an important role in our community for decades to come and that America will continue to benefit from her service, dedication and hard work.

### HONORING MAESTRO RAFFI ARMENIAN

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maestro Raffi Armenian on the occasion of his visit to Fresno, on April 15, 2000.

I want to welcome Maestro Raffi Armenian to the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church, where he will conduct Verdi's "Il Trovatore", featuring Fresno's Edna Garabedian in the role of Azucina. The people of Fresno are happy to have the chance to see Maestro Raffi Armenian conduct.

Maestro Armenian's passion for the human voice has manifested itself with conduction appearances at such illustrious companies as the Canadian Opera Company in Toronto, the Michigan Opera Theater, L'Opera de Montreal, Opera Hamilton, and Opera Columbus.

While living and working in Canada, Maestro Armenian garnered numerous awards for his work including an Emmy Award for Menotti's "The Medium", a Juno nomination for a recording a Ravel and Schoenberg with Maureen Forrester and the Canadian Chamber Ensemble. Over the years he has composed some twenty-four albums.

Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Maestro Raffi Armenian, as he visits Fresno. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Maestro Raffi Armenian many more years of continued success.

### HONORING CHARLES GALLAGHER

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker it is with personal privilege and honor that I enter this tribute in acknowledgment of Charles Gallagher, a friend, a philanthropist and humanitarian.

On June 1, Mr. Gallagher was recognized by the Mizel Museum of Judaica as the recipi-

ent of the Community Cultural Enrichment Award. The award publicly notes Mr. Gallagher's commitment to education as well as his deep commitment to the State of Colorado, its people and its future.

I would note, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Gallagher's wife Diane is a critical element of her husbands success and that she shares the commitment to Colorado and dedication to education.

Mr. Gallagher serves on the board of the Metropolitan Denver Area Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Denver Network Board of Governors, the University of Colorado at Denver Graduate School of Business Administration, the Metropolitan State College of Denver Foundation, the National Jewish Medical and Research Center, Denver Art Museum, Denver Area Council Boy Scouts of America, Colorado UpLIFT, The Denver Foundation, The Catholic Foundation for the Archdiocese of Denver, Irish Community Center, and Xavier University in Cincinnati. Mr. Gallagher is also a member of The Colorado Forum, Colorado Concern, and a Regent for Regis University. He and Diane have four married children and nine grandchildren.

The people of Colorado have every right to be proud of Mr. Gallagher and his family. On behalf of the people of Colorado, I thank the Gallagher's for their involvement.

### CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF CORAL SHORES HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the accomplishments of Coral Shores High School in Tavernier, Florida, congratulating the school for having been named a Service-Learning Leader School by the Corporation for National Service. This prestigious award recognizes the service-learning program that Coral Shores H.S. has integrated into its curriculum, a program that has promoted civic responsibility, strengthened community activism, and improved student performance since its inception.

This year, the Corporation for National Service has recognized 66 schools nationwide for promoting the benefits of service in the community. Community service cultivates generosity and gratitude in the lives of all parties involved—enlightening volunteers and providing those who receive help with a sense of hope. I firmly believe in the benefits of community service, and I am quite pleased to see that Coral Shores H.S. in Monroe County, Florida, is setting such a wonderful example for schools across the nation.

One of five Florida schools that were named a Service-Learning Leader School, 71 percent of the students at Coral Shores H.S. are involved in voluntary service programs. Integrating service-learning into a variety of courses including environmental science, English, history, art, and television production, students interested in virtually any area of study have had the unique opportunity to relate community service to their course work. With over 750 students currently enrolled at Coral Shores High School, this integrated experience has greatly benefitted the community