

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A POINT OF LIGHT FOR ALL AMERICANS: JAMES NEVILLE MORGAN ACKNOWLEDGED POSTHUMOUSLY

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2001

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as the nation of Guyana celebrates its 35th Independence Anniversary, I would like to salute an outstanding Guyanese American, James Neville Morgan, recognized posthumously as a Point of Light for all Americans.

James Neville Morgan of Richmond Hill, Queens, was born in Georgetown, Guyana on January 11, 1951. He attended Sacred Heart Primary School then the Guyana Technical Institute.

From his early teen years, James loved music and cared for the well being of people. He joined the Guyana Police Force and worked in various departments as well as playing in the steel band orchestra.

In 1976, James migrated to the United States, got involved in St. Matthews Roman Catholic Church where he was a Director for Remedial and Religious Education. Although he had a Degree in Business, his heart led him to pursue a career in Social Work. He worked for the New York City Department of Social Services and later the New York City Administration for Children Services as an investigator and was elevated to Supervisor Level II. He was also Director for the International Institute of Travel.

James had a passion for politics and social work and strongly believed that is the only way to make changes in the world. Very much involved in the Association of Concerned Guyanese, Guyana North American Association, New Concept Democratic Club, Political Activist Liaison of the New York Congressional Delegation for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Delegate of Social Service Employees Union—Local 371 and many more.

James, whose recent death saddened his family, friends and colleagues, was a man of integrity, he was known to be honest, assertive, intelligent, very outgoing, outspoken, humorous and most of all a loving man.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute James Neville Morgan posthumously as a Point of Light for all Americans.

2001 SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 2216) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, earlier today, during debate on the Crowley amendment, I made reference to my concerns about cuts to the Workforce Investment Act. As I said, I am deeply concerned that the funding for the supplemental is at the expense of this very important program.

As you know, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) provides job training and related services to low-income persons, dislocated workers, and other unemployed or underemployed individuals. The WIA trains people for jobs so that they are prepared to enter the workforce and participate as productive employees. And one major, positive consequence of the program is a true savings in the costs of crime and dependency.

Without a doubt, the WIA is a vital investment in our workforce and our future. I am particularly interested in this program because of the Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center which is located in my district. I am proud to say that the Isaacs Center has a long history of helping young people stay in school and prepare for entering into the job market.

Fortunately, the Center was awarded \$1.2 million over a 3 year period to work with 250 at-risk children ages 14–18 to help them complete high school, get work experience and training, and transition to work or to pursue further education.

However, it is very clear: the Isaacs Center's funding and its ability to continue this project is directly linked to the continued funding of WIA. Our children count on this funding. Our future demands it. We must not cut WIA funding.

IN HONOR OF SAM D. CANITIA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Sam Canitia, a life-long resident of Ohio, who served his community in various ways throughout his lifetime. He will be missed, not only by his beloved family, but also by countless members of the community.

Mr. Canitia was a former Highland Heights City Council president and Shaker Heights Democratic ward leader. In 1972, Cleveland Mayor Ralph J. Perk hired him to study the County Board of Revision's rulings on tax appraisals and appeals.

He was a past president of the Italian-American Democratic League, the Cosmopolitan Democratic Club and the Akron-Cleveland chapter of the American Society of Appraisers. He was named "Realtor of the Year" in 1977 by the Cleveland Area Board of Realtors, of which he was a past president and board chairman.

Mr. Canitia also taught property appraisal classes at John Carroll University, Cuyahoga

Community College and Dyke College. I'm sure that you will agree that there are few professions more honorable than that of teaching.

My fellow colleagues, please join me today in celebrating the life of this remarkable man. He was a gentleman of honorable intentions and thankless acts of service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. FERDINAND HAMMONDS, SR. OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the long and fruitful life of Mr. Ferdinand Hammonds, Sr. of Madison County, Alabama, an extraordinary man whose ninety-seven years have been marked by his love of country, family and God.

Mr. Hammonds was born in Madison County on June 24, 1904. Throughout his life, he has worked hard and excelled in many roles as a farmer, as a funeral director, at a rock quarry, and until his final retirement at age 86 at the Madison Boulevard Chevron station.

One of Mr. Hammond's biggest successes was raising six happy and healthy children with his dear wife of 67 years, Anna Jones. His children, James, Ferdinand Jr., Sister, Jewell, Piney and Tiney are his pride and joy and lovingly refer to him as "Pops". Mr. Hammonds is also the oldest living sibling out of 15 and his sisters Martha Coleman and Mary Robinson celebrate his birthday as well. He is the eldest member of the St. Peter United Methodist Church having served on the Trustee Board.

With a lifetime love of sports, Mr. Hammonds has become one of Bob Jones High School's most beloved fans. He is a familiar sight at their basketball, football and baseball games even earning a special seat and an assigned parking spot.

On behalf of the people of Alabama's Fifth Congressional District, I join them in celebrating the extraordinary life of this incredible man. I send him and his family and friends my best wishes on this special birthday celebration. I wish Mr. Hammonds a happy and healthy 97th year.

A POINT OF LIGHT FOR ALL AMERICANS: MR. JAMES NORRIS WILLIAMS

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Guyanese American, James Norris Williams, as a Point of Light for all Americans.

James Norris Williams, was born and educated in Guyana. He first started working as a teacher of Latin, Math, English and History at West Demerara High School in 1961. Four years later he took a position as an Assistant in the Reservations Department for Guyana Airways Corporation, which would set the stage for a prolific and enduring career in the company.

Soon after he was initially hired by Guyana Airways, he became Traffic and Operations Assistant and was sent to Trinidad where he worked and underwent training in the Operations Department with BWIA at Piarco Airport and on his return to Guyana, was promoted to Senior Traffic and Operations Assistant; he was quickly promoted to Station Superintendent at Atkinson Airport in Guyana.

James Norris Williams was married to June James in 1967, and only a few weeks later, he was sent to London to train with British Airways Commercial and was presented with a Service Handling Specialist Diploma upon completion of the program.

In 1972, James was promoted to Assistant General Manager of Guyana Airways, and in this capacity, coordinated the Caribbean Free Trade Association and was responsible for cargo, marketing and sales, aircraft operational permits and handling documentation. Later that same year, he was appointed Manager for Cargo Services North American based in Miami, and from 1975 to 1978, he served as General Manager of Guyana Airways.

Upon moving to the United States in 1979, James worked as a manager at Medas Shipping, before acquiring two trucks of his own and establishing a family business, Williams Shipping and Delivery Service, which delivered furniture to stores throughout the tri-state area. In 1986, the company expanded and its name changed to Williams Worldwide Shipping and Trading which now operates as a worldwide shipping company, servicing Guyana and the Caribbean Islands and is Brooklyn's main cargo consolidator.

James and his wife June have three lovely children: Nicholas, Michelle and Lester. Four granddaughters—Leslie Ann, Shenice, Kennedy and Kristen. They also have one grandson, Ethan Nicholas.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Mr. James Norris Williams as a Point of Light for all Americans.

LORI BERENSON

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, when Peru announced it would retry Lori last August, we hoped for an open and fair hearing. Instead, what she received was a public circus in which the verdict was a foregone conclusion.

Peru has condemned Lori Berenson under draconian anti-terrorism laws enacted during the flawed Fujimori-Montesinos regime. The U.S. Department of State and the Inter-American Human Rights court system have been joined by human rights groups such as the

Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) and Human Rights Watch: Americas, in concluding that the Fujimori-Montesinos anti-terrorism laws violate both international law and the Peruvian Constitution. Her trial should not have been held until those laws were reformed.

International observers, human rights advocates and legal scholars report that Lori's trial has been riddled with violations of due process. Much of the evidence used against her was gathered during her discredited military trial, in many cases from witnesses who had been subjected to torture. Most of the witnesses have since recanted their earlier statements. The only witness against Lori received a reduced sentence for his testimony against Lori and, on the eve of Lori's trial was given a new trial so that he can get another reduction in sentence. Furthermore, court proceedings clearly show that the judges had decided the verdict long before this trial began. How fair is a trial in which a judge proclaims a defendant guilty while witnesses are still being heard?

In her public statement in court yesterday, Lori said that she was sorry for the violence and the deaths that there have been. She has condemned terrorism in the past and she did so again today. Lori has always maintained that she was innocent of the charges against her.

I am hopeful that the Peruvian President will recognize that Lori has already served 5½ years in prison under very harsh circumstances and will pardon her. It is time for Lori to come home.

IN HONOR OF MR. PHILIP PEMPIN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Philip Pempin in recognition of his valor in saving a young boy's life.

Mr. Pempin has been the dutiful principal of the Riverside Elementary School in Cleveland for the past three years. Mr. Pempin is a luminary of the Cleveland school system. It is because of his guidance and ambition that the Riverside Elementary School stands out in our district. His individualized and scrupulous attention toward each and every pupil in the school has helped the school rise high in terms of performance. Mr. Pempin exemplifies the ambition and diligence that we all strive for. Working without an assistant, Mr. Pempin strove to help his fourth graders pass all five parts of the Ohio proficiency test last year, soaring above the state average. Although Mr. Pempin's feats at work are unprecedented, the quality and beneficence of his person by far overshadow his already tremendous achievements in Cleveland's education system.

Mr. Pempin is also a proud and dedicated father. However, not only is he father to his own children, but also to each and every pupil in the Riverside Elementary School, as demonstrated by his heroic feat on Thursday, June 14, 2001. At 12:30 p.m. in Riverside's cafeteria, six-year-old Cody Boytek was visibly in trouble. Mr. Pempin saw that the child was choking and getting weaker by the minute. Taking quick action, Mr. Pempin successfully

performed the Heimlich Maneuver on little Cody, dislodging the obstruction that almost took Cody's life. Mr. Pempin proceeded to carry the fragile child to his office where he waited for emergency medical workers to arrive. Forever at the service of his children, Mr. Pempin was cradling Cody in his arms as his mother arrived. It is due to Mr. Pempin's sincere love and devotion that little Cody was back at school the next day, alive and well.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Pempin, an outstanding father, principal and human being. Mr. Pempin exemplifies the service and honor that our city and nation stand for.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2001

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 177, on agreeing to the amendment to increase funding (by transfer) for the National Endowment for the Humanities by \$3 million; the Institute of Museums and Library Services by \$2 million; and NEA Challenge America Arts Fund by \$10 million. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained from Rollcall No. 178, on agreeing to the amendment to increase funding for weatherization programs by \$24 million; to increase the account for Payments In Lieu of Taxes by \$12 million; and to increase the account for energy conservation programs by \$24 million. Had I been present I would have voted no. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 179, on agreeing to the amendment to limit the extension for the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program to one year. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 180, on agreeing to the amendment preventing funds in the bill being expended to conduct preleasing, leasing and related activities under either the Mineral Leasing Act or the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act within the boundaries of a National Monument. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 181, on agreeing to the amendment to prevent use of funds to execute a final lease agreement for oil or gas development in the area of the Gulf of Mexico known as Lease Sale 181 prior to April 1, 2002. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 182, on agreeing to the amendment to require that none of the funds in the bill may be used to suspend or revise the final regulations published in the Federal Register on November 21, 2000, that amended environmental mining rules. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 183, on agreeing to the amendment to prevent use of funds in the bill for the purpose of paying salaries and expenses of personal of the Department of the Interior to extend leases, any standstill agreement, or the terms of the settlement agreement that took effect March 30, 2001, concerning the holders