

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GAYE LEBARON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend and a true Sonoma County legend, Gaye LeBaron.

Ms. LeBaron is stepping down as a daily columnist with the Press Democrat newspaper in Santa Rosa after nearly 46 years with the paper.

She began her career in journalism in 1951 as a correspondent with the Sonoma Index Tribune. She joined the Press Democrat as a student intern in 1955 and graduated to cub reporter in 1957. Over the years she has performed almost every job in the newsroom. She began writing her Press Democrat column in 1959 and it has since become a daily staple in the lives of thousands of Sonoma County readers.

Gaye LeBaron embodies the county's collective memory. She has written on both events she has witnessed and experienced and on the county's colorful and more distant past.

She co-authored a two-volume history of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County and edited a third volume on Sonoma County in the 19th Century. Her class on the History of Sonoma County at Santa Rosa Junior College is one of the most popular offerings each semester.

To her colleagues at the paper, she was the newsroom's "go-to-guy" who could tell them when a highway opened, or how a local landmark got its name or whether an obituary should run on page one.

To her readers she was an artist who painted broad word pictures of how the county once was and made us all feel part of the continuum of history.

But there was another side to Gaye LeBaron. Many of her columns reflected her keen observations of the contemporary political and social landscape, often seen through the eyes of her acerbic informant, "Sam the Shark." Whether a literary device or Sonoma County's own "Deep Throat," Sam asked the questions that more dignified people perhaps would not and together Sam and Gaye stirred the debate and moved us forward.

Mr. Speaker, Gaye LeBaron has received a multitude of awards and acknowledgments. She is revered in her community and is a giant in her profession. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her today for her long and distinguished career and for her many accomplishments.

HONORING CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON
OF THE LADY BLUE DEVILS

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the championship season of the Jackson County Lady Blue Devils. The Lady Blue Devils recently won a second straight Class AA girls basketball state championship.

Residents of Jackson County, Tennessee, can be proud of their Lady Blue Devils. The team went 22–10 this season and showed remarkable perseverance and resilience. Just hours before the team beat their opponents by a 46–42 score, the mother of senior guard Sarah Gipson died after a two-year fight with cancer.

The team played with guts and determination despite Sarah's heart-wrenching loss. Sarah's mother, the former Dianne Spivey, was a member of the school's state championship team in 1973.

I commend the team and its coach, Jim Brown, for a fine season and gutsy win. The following are members of the 2000–2001 state champion Lady Blue Devils: Candace Stafford, Courtney Childress, Kayla Olson, Becca Focer, Sarah Gipson, Sheena Hager, Jennifer Harris, Ashley Hopkins, Amanda Naff, Deanna Apple, Andrea Davidson, Emily Lane, Marissa Hensley, Megan Pepper, Alyssa Bowman, managers Lucy Anderson, Stephene Clayton, Faith Henshaw, Lacy Sircy, and trainer Shawn Moffitt. Kevin Bray and Barbara Brown also serve as the team's assistant coaches.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INVESTOR
AND CAPITAL MARKETS FEE RE-
LIEF ACT

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I applaud my colleagues Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. BAKER, Mrs. KELLY, and Mrs. MALONEY for introducing legislation that is vitally important to every American investor indeed, to every American business seeking access to our capital markets. It's called the Investor and Capital Markets Fee Relief Act, and it will save investors and market participants \$14 billion dollars over the next ten years.

Congress must take action. If nothing is done to stop the flow of investors' cash into government coffers, more than \$24 billion overcharges will be collected over the next ten years.

This fee Relief legislation reduces fees to a level more consistent with Congress's original intent. Fees will recover the Commission's costs of supervising the markets, but they will no longer be a burdensome tax on investors and capital formation.

The bill reduces all excess SEC fees: transaction, registration, merger/tender, single stock futures, and the trust indenture fee. The fee relief bill provides a stable funding structure for the SEC by ensuring that appropriators have sufficient funds to meet the agency's funding needs.

The fee relief bill also includes a pay parity provision to help the Commission attract and retain first-rate attorneys, accountants, and economists. In the post-Gramm-Leach-Bliley financial services world, SEC professionals performing the same work as their colleagues in the banking agencies should receive similar compensation.

I would like to commend our colleagues in the other Body, specifically Senators PHIL GRAMM and CHUCK SCHUMER, for their excellent work in moving similar legislation, S. 143, through the Senate Banking Committee. I look forward to seeing the Senate act on that legislation soon.

Here in the House, I thank my numerous colleagues from both sides of the aisle who have joined Mr. FOSSELLA as original cosponsors of this legislation and given it such strong bipartisan support right from the start. I look forward to moving this bill through the financial Services Committee expeditiously.

HONORING THE HOPKINTON
BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Hopkinton, Massachusetts in celebrating the accomplishments and performance of the Hopkinton High School Girl's Varsity Basketball Team. Their banner season came to a remarkable conclusion on March 13, 2001 at the Fleet Center in Boston where they captured the 2000–2001 Massachusetts Division IV State Championship.

There are many stories of note surrounding this group of remarkable athletes. Of the 15 members of the team, 12 are underclassmen. Such an accomplishment for a team of relatively young women is certainly impressive. Another story is the inspirational play of sophomore forward Meg Davis, who overcame a painful back injury to play in the tournament. In the first half, while the Hillers were trailing the Manchester Hornets, Davis and junior guard Mari Levine, who finished with a team-high 20 points, sparked a critical run, ultimately leading their team to a convincing 61–39 victory.

Teamwork was the key to the Hillers' successful season. Led on the court by senior captains Connie Chace and Jen Sanborn, every player added to the Hillers' fairy tale season: senior Kelley Connelly, juniors Allison Azar and Shawna McCabe, sophomores Katie Baldiga, Taylor Chance, Julia Weaver, Lindsey

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Dragin, and freshmen Lauren Aulds, Erika Steele, Callie Nealon and Jackie Pappas. And of course, special recognition must be extended to Coach Dick Bliss for his inspirational leadership.

Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that I recognize the exceptional student-athletes of the Hopkinton High School Girl's Varsity Basketball team for an unforgettable season. I congratulate them on their accomplishment and wish them the best of luck in years to come.

HEATHER HAGAN—AMERICAN HERO

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, in a time of crisis, many of us choose not to get involved. Mr. Speaker, we've all read the newspaper headlines when someone has witnessed a crime or even saw someone get injured and they chose not to get involved because they didn't want to complicate their lives.

Today, I rise to pay tribute to someone who acted differently, bravely. Heather Hagan personifies a hero's life. She chose to get involved and in the end saved a woman's life. At 15 years old, Heather showed incredible intuition, caring, and determination for one so young.

On March 12, as she was doing her daily rounds delivering *The Herald* to her customers on her paper route, she noticed something different at the home of Josephine McCutcheon. The newspapers were piled up against the door, unclaimed for several days. Additionally, Heather realized she had not seen the 81-year-old woman in days.

Heather completed her route. She thought about how odd it was that Mrs. McCutcheon had not picked up her newspaper or even stopped delivery if she was going out of town. Worried, she called the elderly woman's house but the line was busy.

Heather chose not to let it end there. She knew something was not right so she returned to the home of the former Mercer councilwoman and county commissioner. There was no response when she knocked at the door. Sensing something was wrong, Heather contacted the local authorities, who found Mrs. McCutcheon lying on the floor of the house after a fall, unable to summon help.

Mr. Speaker, in a time when the news is full of stories of insensitive and selfish people, they have not been introduced to teens such as Heather Hagan. She broke the mold. She gives me hope for the coming generations.

The easy thing to do would've been for Heather to do her job and leave it at that. But she, in the immortal words of Robert Frost, took the road less traveled by, going out of her way, having a dramatic impact on someone's life. I would like to say thank you to Heather—she is truly a treasure to our community.

HONORING THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the International Year of Volunteers. The United Nations General Assembly has designated the year 2001 to encourage and advance the concept of volunteer service.

In Humboldt County, California, the North Coast Regional Network for Service and Volunteerism was founded to facilitate and improve effective volunteer efforts. The North Coast Regional Network joins other volunteer groups throughout the nation in working to promote and strengthen volunteerism. Hundreds of California's North Coast residents enthusiastically volunteer their time to enhance the quality of life in our community. They work in a wide variety of non-profit organizations, educational institutions, senior and youth programs, the arts and health services.

Mr. Speaker, the International Year of Volunteers recognizes and honors the voluntary commitment of individuals and groups who contribute their time and resources and share their skills to build better communities. For that reason, Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor the efforts of the North Coast Regional Network, and all volunteers, for their dedication to community service.

GOODBYE MRS. CULLEN

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, as we in Congress and in the Executive Branch intensify our efforts better to support public education in this country, we should be sure to continue to focus on teachers as the central element in this effort. The dedicated men and women who have entered the teaching profession over the years deserve far better treatment than we have given them. Too often they are inadequately compensated, and given too little to work with in the way of resources. Despite that, large numbers of talented, intelligent, creative individuals have continued to go into the teaching profession because of their love of learning and their concern for young people.

In June, one individual who is an excellent example of this tradition will be retiring.

Patricia Cullen is a sixth grade teacher at the Wareham Middle School in Wareham, Massachusetts and she will be enjoying a well deserved retirement after 33 years of dedicated teaching at the end of this year. In the words of Judith Bruno of the Wareham Middle School staff, speaking on behalf of the faculty and staff of the school, "Mrs. Cullen is a dedicated, caring and loving teacher to all of her students. She focuses on her student's strengths and positive attributes instead of the negatives. Pat helps her students to strive, to achieve, and to be successful in their endeavors. All her students love and respect her. The faculty and staff have the same feelings for her and trust me when I say we have mixed

emotions about her leaving. We are happy for the new chapter beginning in her life but saddened to see her leave us."

Ms. Bruno continues, "Mrs. Cullen is truly a remarkable woman and a credit to the teaching profession. Pat Cullen truly personifies what a teacher should be."

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply committed to providing more resources at the federal level so that Patricia Cullen, her colleagues, and those who will join this profession can do an even better job than they have been doing. But in addition to the material resources which we owe these dedicated public servants, we owe them better recognition as well for the job they do in often difficult circumstances. I am delighted to join Patricia Cullen's students and colleagues in recognizing her excellent work, and wishing her well.

HONORING THE 270TH BIRTHDAY OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Prince William County, Virginia, which will be celebrating its 270th birthday on March 20, 2001.

Prince William County was established by the Virginia General Assembly on July 9, 1730, when the population increased to a point that the formation of a new county was necessary. It took several months for the legislation to become law. In 1731, Prince William County was recognized as a county and included Fairfax, Arlington, Alexandria, Loudon and Fauquier. Named for William Augustus, the second son of King George II, the county was cut to its current size in 1759. Within the county there are also two independent cities, Manassas and Manassas Park.

The citizens of Prince William County are continually contributing to the country's history and cultural heritage. The county was home to some of the nation's first European settlements. Many of the first arrivals to the county were of Irish descent. They settled on vacant plots and began to farm, aided only by convicts who had been sent from England. It also played an important role in the American Revolution by aiding in the formation of the new country.

Prince William County was the site of many Civil War battles. One of the most notable of the Civil War conflicts was the Battle of First Manassas, which was the first major encounter between the North and South. The Manassas Battlefields are now National Parks visited by thousands every summer.

Prince William County continues, to this day, to have a close connection to our military. In fact, the town of Quantico is completely surrounded by a Marine Corps Base. The military history of this town goes back to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, when the land was used for Virginia Naval Operations. The Marine Corps Base was established there in 1917.

Today, Prince William County is the second most populous county in the Commonwealth. The rich history in this county makes it one of