

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 12TH ANNUAL TEACHERS ON AN AGRISCIENCE BUS PROGRAM

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 12th Annual Teachers on an Agriscience Bus Program as well as the invaluable contributions it has made in expanding the understanding of agriculture and agriscience.

First launched as a pilot program in June 1991, the Teachers on an Agriscience Bus Program was developed to include tours and seminars at a variety of agriscience industries in Chicago and the Western Suburbs. Tour hosts explain the multitude of career opportunities in agriscience and provide tours of their facilities, demonstrating the high-tech nature of the industry.

In 1991, the program included 26 staff members from Naperville School District 203. However, it became evident to those involved that the wealth of information provided by the Program could serve a greater purpose by opening up the experience to neighboring school districts. To date, 504 participants from 30 school districts, many of which are located in my Congressional District, have taken part in the program.

The agriculture industry in the State of Illinois is of primary importance to the economy, not only to the state, but as one of the largest employers in the U.S. The youth of America, and particularly those in Illinois, need current, up-to-date, technological backgrounds in the importance of agriculture in their everyday lives and of the career opportunities available to them in the industry.

As a former high school teacher, I can attest to the importance of continued innovative programs needed to reach our youth. The Teachers on an Agriscience Bus Program enables educators to share an awareness and appreciation for agriculture and agriscience career opportunities with their students. Participants in the Program have introduced approximately 60,000 students to the fact that agriscience and its related industries constitute more than just farming; today it is a highly technical, viable and sophisticated industry.

Finally, I would like to point out that the continued success of the Teachers on an Agriscience Bus Program is due to the overwhelming support of the sponsoring organizations, including: the Midwest Dairy Association of Illinois, DuPage County Fair Association, DuPage County Farm Bureau, DuPage County Regional Office of Education, Illinois Landscape Contractors Association, Naperville Community Unit School District 203, Wheatland Plowing Match Association, DuPage Education to Careers System, 1st Farm Credit Services of Northern Illinois, Illinois Pork Producers and Illinois Agricultural Association Foundation.

I commend everyone involved in the Teachers on an Agriscience Bus Program for their commitment to educate our children on the importance of agriculture and am hopeful they will continue to make a positive impact in the lives of students and staff for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM O. CASON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and fellow South Carolinian, Dr. William O. Cason. On June 30, 2002, "Bill," as he is commonly referred, will retire from Sumter County School District 17, where he served as Superintendent for three challenging but rewarding years. After 34 years in public education, it is a retirement well deserved and he will be sorely missed.

Dr. Cason began his educational career in Georgia public schools in 1968 as a math and history teacher at Clinch County High School. He also served as an assistant football and basketball coach, an assistant principal and guidance counselor, and as principal for high schools, where he served for over fourteen years. Prior to coming to Sumter School District 17, he was the Superintendent of Schools in the Colleton County School District in Walterboro, South Carolina from 1993–1999.

When Dr. Cason accepted the position of Superintendent of Sumter School District 17, he came to a district in the throes of scandal and quickly turned the school system to solid fiscal and educational footing. During his tenure, he made several needed changes to the personnel division of the school district which included: increasing the number of insurance options available to employees, supporting the development of a comprehensive salary schedule to ensure equity for non-teaching positions, instituted signing bonuses to attract quality teachers, added personal leave days for employees who were not eligible for annual leave.

Dr. Cason received a bachelor's degree in secondary education, a master's degree in history, a master's degree in education administration supervision all from Valdosta State College, and a doctorate degree in education administration supervision from Georgia State University. He is a member of numerous national, state and local organizations, and will be retiring to a family of five wonderful children and a loving wife.

Samuel Johnson said, "What we hope to do with ease, we must learn to do with diligence." Dr. Cason is an exemplar of what Johnson referred. He was diligent in his strides to make Sumter School District 17 all that it can be. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring Dr. Bill Cason. The contributions he made to his community and to the educational system will leave lasting im-

pressions on the lives he touched. I wish him continue success and Godspeed!

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF OWASCO

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Owasco. This bicentennial will include town historical events beginning in June and continuing through the year long celebration.

Settlers began arriving in this scenic area in 1792 and built their homes along the beautiful shores of Owasco Lake. The town of Owasco was officially founded in 1802. During the town's early history, dignitaries such as Martin Van Buren and Washington Irving were entertained in this beautiful Cayuga County setting.

The jewel of Owasco, perched on the North end of the lake, is what is now known as Emerson Park. While many facets of life in Owasco have changed over the past two hundred years, the park has remained a staple of the community. It opened on July 1, 1889, boasting a family orientated atmosphere with a merry-go-round and a 350-foot miniature train ride. By the 1890's the park had a hotel, dance hall, and even began to serve ice cream cones. The park became the centerpiece of entertainment in Cayuga County and the gem of the Town of Owasco.

The rich history of Owasco and Emerson Park provides the backdrop for this bicentennial celebration. It is my honor to recognize the Town of Owasco and to extend best wishes for many more years that will continue to contribute to the distinguished history of Cayuga County.

RECOGNIZING VACAVILLE CITY ATTORNEY CHARLES O. LAMOREE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to recognize Vacaville, California City Attorney Charles O. Lamoree, a dedicated public servant who is retiring June 30, 2002 after twenty-five years of tremendous service to his community.

Mr. Lamoree has been the City Attorney in Vacaville since 1989. During his tenure, he wrote the city's Planned Growth Ordinance

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managing development within the city, represented the city in federal litigation concerning the Fair Labor Standards Act, negotiated and wrote development agreements for major city projects, negotiated acquisition agreements for new city water supplies, rewrote the city's development impact fee ordinance, reduced dependence on outside counsel in tort litigation to less than 5% of all claims and created and implemented a long range computerization plan.

In addition to his duties with the municipality, he has served as President of the Solano County Bar Association, President of the County Counsels' Association of California, Committee Member of the County Counsels' Benchbook, Member of the League of California Cities Legal Advocacy Committee, Member of the League of California Cities Municipal Law Handbook Editorial Board and Delegate to the State Bar Association Conference Delegates.

Mr. Lamoree received special recognition when he was named the 1993–94 "Boss of the Year" by the Solano County Legal Secretaries Association.

Prior to becoming the City Attorney in Vacaville, he served for seven-and-a-half years as Solano County Counsel, as Assistant City Attorney in Vallejo and Deputy County Counsel in both Solano and Fresno Counties.

Mr. Lamoree completed his undergraduate work at Sonoma State University and received his law degree from the University of California, Davis. He was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1972 and is also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court of Appeal and the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Northern Districts of California.

Mr. Speaker, Charles Lamoree has had a long and distinguished career and has had a lasting impact on his community. It is therefore fitting that we honor him today for his many accomplishments and contributions.

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIBBITS CADETS OF TROY, NEW YORK

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, the Tibbits Cadets of Troy, New York, were founded on August 18, 1876. With strong ideals and a fervent belief in community service, the Tibbits Cadets have consistently acted with dignity and honor in their quest to preserve and share the rich history of Troy, New York.

The Tibbits Cadets by name and deed have perpetuated and honored the memory of Major General William Badger Tibbits for the past one hundred and twenty-five years. And it may be through the courageous life story of Major General Tibbits that we most clearly discover the strength, dignity and pride with which the Tibbits Cadets act—as well as the noble ideals they encompass and uphold.

William Badger Tibbits was born on March 31, 1837 in Hoosac, New York. As a young man, William strove for excellence in all of his endeavors. With a strong work ethic, fervent dedication and a robust thirst for knowledge, William Tibbits earned a reputation as a true and honest man, cultivated a brilliant capacity

for motivation and participatory leadership, and received a bachelor's degree from the prestigious Union College in 1859. At the outbreak of the Civil War, driven by an ardent belief in the Union, strong ideological passion, and a devotion to state and nation, William Tibbits raised a company of the Second Regiment, New York Volunteers. In 1863, he recruited the Griswold Cavalry, and with overwhelming popularity and support became its Colonel. With faith and valor, Tibbits distinguished himself in various battles and was brevetted Brigadier General in 1864. Although wounded to the point of eventual incapacitation from military duties later in life, his brilliant leadership, grit, determination and bravery won him the rank of Major General at the age of twenty-seven.

Established in part by Major General Tibbits, the Tibbits Cadets have stood for one hundred and twenty-five years as a constant reminder of so much more than local history or the life of one great man. Since their inception, the Tibbits Cadets have exemplified the greatest of American values—diligence, compassion, volunteerism, dedication of purpose, loyalty, passion, and courage. The Tibbits Cadets of Troy, New York have wholeheartedly advanced that spirit of united purpose and shared concern that so uniquely defines our glorious American experience; and it is in that spirit that I wish to commend the Tibbits Cadets at the conclusion of the year-long celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of their founding.

HONORING DAVID WAYNE COOPER

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Wayne Cooper of my district in San Diego for achieving his masters degree in business administration (MBA) from National University. David has fared some long and arduous tasks in life, but did not allow these challenges to stop his determination to overcome adversity and fulfill his life ambitions.

David was born with cerebral palsy, which resulted in orthopedic and speech disabilities. These disabilities would affect many aspects of David's life, however, he persevered and graduated Clairemont High School at the age of 19. In 1998, David built upon this achievement by earning a bachelors degree in science with a concentration in Information Systems from San Diego State University (SDSU).

During his academic pursuits, David worked as a computer programmer at the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in San Diego. At SAIC, David's duties included working on the County of San Diego information systems updates and maintenance contract.

While working at SAIC, David was able to take advantage of their tuition reimbursement program, earning a graduate degree from National University in his spare time. On May 12, 2002, David walked across the state at the Convention Center in San Diego and received his MBA, the culmination of a solid work ethic, dedication, and triumph over adversity.

David lives in his own home, drives his own car, and goes to work every day. He has worked tremendously hard and overcome great obstacles to reach his goals. Please join me in applauding the remarkable spirit, dedication, and work ethic of David Wayne Cooper. His efforts are a reminder of the power of the human spirit.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LEROY DAVIS, SR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and fellow South Carolinian, Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr. On June 30th Dr. Davis will retire as president of our alma mater, South Carolina State University (SCSU) in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Dr. Davis is only the second alumnus and the first Orangeburg native to be inaugurated as president of South Carolina State University in its 125-year history.

Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr. received a bachelor of science degree in biology and a master of science degree in microbiology at SCSU. He matriculated at Purdue University and received his doctoral degree in molecular biology in 1979. Most of Dr. Davis' professional career has been spent serving his alma mater at South Carolina State University, where he quickly advanced and became a tenured professor of biology. He also worked at Brookhaven National Laboratory as a research assistant and the National Institutes of Health where he was an extramural associate. However, his love for his home State and S.C. State brought him back to South Carolina.

Dr. Davis has served as director of the Office of Institutional Self-Studies, Provost for Academic Admissions, vice president of Student Services, and interim president. On April 10, 1996, Dr. Davis became the eighth president of this exceptional institution.

While serving as president of South Carolina State University, Dr. Davis has shown tremendous leadership and innovation. The University established its first staff senate, increased scholarship support in order to recruit more academically talented freshmen, the first Emeritus awards to professors have been presented, and community service programs in the fields of health care and economic development have been put into action. In addition to his many accomplishments at South Carolina State University, Dr. Davis has spread his talents to other Universities in the region by being active in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). In this organization, he serves as Commissioner on the Commission on Colleges and presents workshops and symposiums, Dr. Davis also holds memberships in many professional and service organizations including the American Council on Education, The American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Rotary International.

Dr. Davis is husband to the former Christine McGill of Kingstree, South Carolina and the father of two children Tonya and Leroy, Jr. Throughout his life, Dr. Davis has shown an unrelenting pursuit and love for education. Through his example of diligence and perseverance in his studies and as an educator, Dr.