

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TED HAYDEN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of gratitude that I pay tribute to Ted Hayden as he concludes his service to the people of Delta County after thirteen years as a County Commissioner. Ted's devotion to his neighbors and love for the town of Paonia, Colorado, where he has lived for the last thirty years, has served as a shining example of the selfless nature that is indicative of a true public servant.

During his time as County Commissioner, Ted has concentrated his efforts on serving the people of his region by protecting their interests in public lands and community property. Ted has dealt with many diverse issues during his career in public service, from budgets to airports and landfills. He has approached each with an insight and integrity that is worthy of the recognition that we bestow here today.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to bring to the attention of this body of Congress a man whose love for his community, and whose willingness to sacrifice in its service, is an inspiration to those who have lived in Delta County. As a public servant, Ted Hayden's time as County Commissioner has been an inspirational example to those of us who serve our nation in elective office. It is with gratitude for his time of service to Delta County, Colorado that I recognize Ted's ongoing devotion to the people and community that he loves.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES
HOUSEWORTH

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a long and exceptionally distinguished career has come to an end. Mr. Charles Houseworth, of Lexington, MO, has retired as Director of the Lex La-Ray Technical Center.

Mr. Houseworth began teaching and counseling in Brookfield and Lexington, MO in 1968, after receiving a Bachelor's degree from Central Missouri State University. After receiving a Master's degree from CMSU in Guidance/Counseling, he became the guidance counselor of the then brand new vocational school in Lexington in 1975. In the summer of 1982 until the present, he has served the Director of the Lex La-Ray Technical Center.

Mr. Houseworth has not only taught and guided the young people of Lexington but has also been involved with many local civic and community activities. He served the people of Lexington as the 4th Ward Councilman for six years. Charles has also been serving on the Wentworth Community Council for the past six years as well as working closely with local, state, and national legislators.

Mr. Speaker, Charles Houseworth has dedicated 34 years to the Brookfield and Lexington communities, serving with honor and distinction. I know that the Members of the House

will join me in wishing him all the best in the days ahead.

HOME OWNER—AMERICAN DREAM

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, home ownership is a vital component of the American Dream. Unfortunately, too many families are frozen out of this dream by obstacles such as lack of opportunity, limited knowledge and soaring real estate prices. One of my primary goals as a Member of Congress is to raise the roof on home ownership for minorities, immigrants and low- and moderate-income families in the 11th Congressional District and throughout the country by removing these obstacles to achieving home ownership.

The Ohio Statewide Housing Summit was an important step in moving toward this goal. As Honorary Host of the Summit, it was my pleasure to welcome the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and my colleagues Rep. CORRINE BROWN, Rep. EVA CLAYTON, Rep. JAMES CLYBURN, Rep. BARNEY FRANK, Rep. CAROLYN KILPATRICK, and Rep. BARBARA LEE to Cleveland to share and gather information about housing issues that affect all of our constituents.

I was proud of and gratified by the exemplary partnership and hard work of so many people and organizations in my District and throughout the state and country who joined together to make this Summit a success:

Sponsors and Contributors: Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, Fannie Mae Foundation, Key Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, National City Bank, Finch Group, Household Financial Services, Local Initiative Support Corporation, United Guarantee Mortgage Insurance.

Planning Committee: Candice Amos, Mark C. Batson, Cynthia D. Blake, Sheila Carpenter, Bill Daley, Lytle T. Davis, Kate Monter Durban, Kebra Emanuel, Lori Jones Gibbs, Louise J. Gissendanner, Virgil Griffin, Debra Hamelin, Michelle Harris, Vada Hill, Charlene Hollowell, Myldred Boston Howell, Stephanie Joyce Jones, India Pierce Lee, Ken Lumpkin, Mary Maglicic, Mark McDermott, Sharron Murphy, Marcia Nolan, Vikki Peterson, Betty K. Pinkney, Van Randolph, Dannette Render, Gregory L. Snyder, Henry R. Stoudermire, Jr., Michael Taylor, Gerald Thrist, Stephanie Turner, Scott Willis.

Special Assistance: BET.com, Classic Press, Cleveland State University Convocation Center, Consumer Credit Counseling Services, DAR Public Relations, Inc., Sheila Jackson Graphics.

Thanks to their hard work, the Ohio Statewide Housing Summit was a resounding success that will continue to benefit my constituents for years to come.

IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Juneteenth Day.

Each year, June 19th commemorates the end of slavery in this nation. It is a day of thanksgiving in the African-American community—a day in which we rejoice in the freedoms we enjoy and look ahead to a time when we can be completely free from the legacy of slavery.

On June 19th, 1865, Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that all slaves were now free. This news, nearly two years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, brought freedom to thousands of slaves in what was then the western parts of the United States. Juneteenth Day is the oldest known celebration of the end of American slavery.

In decline for much of the 20th century, the celebration of Juneteenth was rejuvenated during '50's and '60's with the rising call of civil rights. Today, cities and towns across the country are celebrating Juneteenth. It serves as a reminder of where the African-American community was, where it is today, and where it can go.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that we must know our history before we can move forward. Today, as the descendants of slaves and sharecroppers myself, I stand here on the floor of the House of Representatives—proud to celebrate Juneteenth Day.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RICHARD
AND BARBARA DORRELL

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute today to the union of Richard and Barbara Dorrell as they celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. True Coloradans, the Dorrells have spent the last half-century together in loving devotion to each other. Their affection for one another is evident to their friends and family alike. Their involvement in the Rifle, Colorado community is a source of pride in each of their lives.

A Rifle native, "Dick," as he is known to friends, is one of the last true Colorado cowboys: he was involved with the rodeo circuit back in the 1960s as both a bareback bronco rider as well as one of the rodeo's clowns. Dick's stories of his exploits on the rodeo circuit continue to entertain friends and family alike as he weaves spellbinding tales of his heroics in the ring nearly thirty years ago. After leaving the rodeo, Dick moved on to a career driving a school bus for the RE-2 school district—a job he enjoyed for over twenty years. A past chief of the Rifle Volunteer Fire Department, Dick dedicated 25 years of his life to protecting our state from fire danger; he has also spent the last 45 years as an active member of the Rifle Elks Lodge.

Dick's lovely wife Barbara originally hails from Glendale, California, though she has lived in Rifle since 1947. Barbara devoted her time to her children during their youth, though rejoined the workforce to teach private piano lessons for over twenty years. She began her professional career with the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado in the 1970s and retired several years ago after 25 years of admirable service. Barbara has been an active

member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Rifle, playing the organ there most Sundays since the age of thirteen!

Mr. Speaker, Richard and Barbara Dorrell were married in the Methodist Church in Rifle, Colorado 50 years ago this week and it is with a happy heart that I take a moment to recognize their commitment to each other before this distinguished body. I join their two children, Connie and Wayne, as well as the entire Rifle community, in congratulating them on this benchmark in their lives together. For this unwavering dedication to each other, as well as their infectious love for Rifle, I am proud to congratulate the Dorrells on this momentous day.

HONORING DR. DEIRDRE J.
LOUGHLIN

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Worcester community in honoring Dr. Deirdre J. Loughlin for her 42 years of unwavering service to the Worcester Public Schools.

Born in Scotland, Dr. Loughlin attended schools in both Europe and the United States. Dr. Loughlin earned her undergraduate and doctoral degrees from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and her master's degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

During her 42 years at the Worcester Public Schools, Dr. Loughlin has taught high school science, coordinated a variety of special programs for students, and most recently served as the District Manager of Staff for Program and Curriculum Development. Dr. Loughlin's dedication and passion in that position led to many accomplishments, one of which includes the complete revision of the District's curricula that is now in alignment with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

Not only has Dr. Loughlin served the Worcester community through her work in the Worcester Public Schools, but in other leadership positions as well. Dr. Loughlin currently serves on a variety of boards and committees, including the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Broad Meadow Brook and the Worcester Women's History Project. Dr. Loughlin approaches all her work with the same enthusiasm that she has brought to the Worcester Public Schools.

In addition to her dedicated service to the Worcester community, Dr. Loughlin has a wonderful family. With her husband, Dr. Raymond K. Loughlin, Dr. Loughlin has a son, two daughters, four grandsons, and a new granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Dr. Loughlin on her accomplishments and wishing her the best of luck in retirement.

CODE TALKERS RECOGNITION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2002

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3250, the "Code Talkers Recognition Act."

Congress rarely has the opportunity to celebrate selfless heroism, Mr. Speaker, and so I particularly thank the sponsor of this legislation, Mr. THUNE, for introducing it and Mrs. GRANGER and Mr. WATKINS, for their efforts on similar bills that now have been incorporated here.

Mr. Speaker, as we are now engaged in a war on terrorism that involves precision munitions and long-range air strikes, it is easy to forget how different the wars of the 20th century were. Then, huge armies often stood toe-to-toe, and the decisive edge in a battle often turned more on knowing what the enemy was going to do than on anything else. Once we broke the German codes, the tide of the war in Europe turned. Once we knew the Japanese codes, Allies were able to take apart their sea power and end any ability to project force.

But Mr. Speaker the Germans and the Japanese had code-breakers, too. What they didn't have were the Native American code talkers, who used their tribal languages to communicate military orders and intelligence information between forward-deployed units and their commanders further to the rear. Those tribal languages never were understood by our enemies, Mr. Speaker, and the resulting ability to communicate freely, accurately and safely saved countless Allied lives.

Congress has honored the Navajo Code Talkers with medals. This bill addresses the long-overdue recognition of the other brave warriors from other tribes who performed similar services. The bill would grant the Congressional Gold Medal, posthumously in most cases, to those brave warriors from the Sioux, Choctaw, Comanche and the other tribes.

Mr. Speaker, the Sioux Code Talkers—using Lakota, Dakota and Nakota Sioux languages—were deployed in both the European and Pacific theaters and served in some of the heaviest combat actions to provide their communications services. They are credited by military commanders as being instrumental in saving the lives of many Allied soldiers.

Comanche serving in the 4th Signal Company helped to develop a code using their language to communicate military messages during the D-Day invasion and in the European theater during World War II. To the enemy's frustration, the code developed by the Comanche Code Talkers proved to be unbreakable. The Germans even sent spies to training grounds in Fort Gordon and to reservations in Oklahoma to try and crack the code.

Mr. Speaker, the Choctaw Code Talkers of World War I were the first code talkers used in recent times. While most Native Americans at the time were not considered citizens of the United States, many volunteered to fight, and many were incorporated into a company of Indian Enlistees serving the 142nd Infantry Company of the 36th division. While serving, their use of the native language was discouraged. However, a commander—aware that

most Allied codes had been broken by the Germans—realized that a number of men under his command spoke complex and possibly undecipherable language, and he put them to work sending codes. A total of 18 Choctaws served our country as Code Talkers. The Choctaw tribe and the State of Oklahoma have honored these code talkers and today I believe we should do likewise.

Mr. Speaker, as the Navajo Code Talkers already have been recognized with Congressional medals and this legislation specifically names Sioux, Choctaw and Comanche code talkers, this bill also asks the Secretary of Defense to identify any non-Navajo code talkers from tribes other than the Sioux, Choctaw and Comanche who served overseas as code talkers in the wars of the last century, and recognize them with medals as well.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation to honor all Native American code talkers who have fought for our country.

HONORING THE TOWN OF
HUNTINGTON

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the commitment and dedication of the people of the Town of Huntington, New York. On June 15th, 2002, at the 53rd National Civic League Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, Huntington was selected out of 30 finalists to be proclaimed an All-American City, and thus became the first Long Island community to receive this impressive designation.

The All-American City Award is one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious distinctions, given to those communities, which demonstrate outstanding leadership and collaboration in addressing community-wide challenges and achieving exceptional results.

This spring, the Town of Huntington's Chamber of Commerce, a business partnership that represents more than 1,300 members, was officially notified by the National Civic League that Huntington had been selected as a finalist for the 2002 All-American City Award. For the next month and a half, the Chamber of Commerce prepared extensively for a final 10-minute formal presentation to be given before the All-American City Jury Panel. It was the success of this final presentation, which highlighted three community-based projects, that clinched the award for Huntington.

Mr. Speaker, this distinction is a glowing reflection on all members of the Huntington community. Specifically, I would like to call attention to the tireless work of Dennis Sneden, the CEO of the Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce; Frank Petrone, the Town Supervisor; Board members Marlene Budd, Mark Cuthbertson, Susan Berland, and Mark Capadonno and all the individuals and businesses, citizens and entrepreneurs, of the Huntington community.

Commenting on Huntington's success, Town Supervisor Petrone summed up the reason for