

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JEAN-JACQUES CARQUILLAT

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2002

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate my constituent and dear friend, Jean-Jacques Carquillat, on the occasion of his attainment of United States citizenship. Mr. Carquillat is a valued and well-respected member of our community, and I am proud to welcome him as a full citizen to the 26th Congressional District of New York State.

I became acquainted with Jean-Jacques, as well as his family, through his businesses in the Uptown Historic District in Kingston, NY. In 1994, Jean-Jacques established Le Carnard Enchaîne, a Zagat-rated, fine dining restaurant. He also started a dance club and special events catering business in 2000. The success of these businesses led to his more recent opening of Luke's Place, a gourmet restaurant, in the Town of Shandaken, named after his young son.

I have witnessed the hard work, strong character and integrity that Jean-Jacques has brought to the projects he has undertaken. His businesses have had positive impacts on our local area, including creating jobs in the City of Kingston and enhancing the city's efforts to promote tourism in the historic district. Jean-Jacques has been an active member of the Uptown Kingston Business Association and received its Excellence Award for 1999. In addition, he has been a consistent and strong supporter of various local nonprofit community organizations.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to join Jean-Jacques Carquillat's colleagues, friends and family in extending my congratulations on his naturalization. His personal and professional enthusiasm has made him a valuable asset to our community, and I am confident that he will continue to serve in the most admirable way both his community and our great nation.

HONORING THE NAMING OF THE DOUGLAS MORRISON THEATER IN RECOGNITION OF DOUGLAS F. MORRISON'S 40 YEARS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE HAYWARD AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, on July 28, 2002, the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District will rename their theater in honor of Board Member Douglas F. Morrison. In his 40 years of service, Douglas Morrison has honorably served the park and recreation field on the local, regional, state, and national levels.

Douglas Morrison was first elected to the Board of Directors of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District in November of 1962. Since then, he has been re-elected to nine consecutive four-year terms. This year, his 40th year of service, he is serving as vice-president of the District.

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District has seen unprecedented growth during Douglas Morrison's tenure. The District boasts beautiful parks and fine recreation facilities, including community parks, swim centers, linear parks, playgrounds, community centers, athletic fields, and senior centers. Additionally, the park district has gone beyond traditional park features to include special interest facilities for theater, art, nature study, camping and golf.

A graduate of San Jose University and a former high school teacher, Douglas Morrison is currently an independent business owner. In the past he has served in the leadership of many park and recreation organizations, notably as President of the California Association of Parks and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members and President and Vice-President of the Commissioners and Board Members Branch of the National Park and Recreation Association. He is the recipient of the 1993 California Association of Recreation and Park Districts Outstanding Board member award and the 1993 California Special Districts Association Outstanding Board Member Award.

In the community, Douglas Morrison has been active as a board member of the Castro Valley Fire District, and a member of the Hayward Rotary Club. He has served as chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and as President and board member of the Hayward Sun Gallery. In 1999 he received the city of Hayward's Mayor's Award.

I am honored to join the colleagues of Douglas Morrison in commending him for his 40 years of service to the city of Hayward. Douglas Morrison's dedicated work with the Park District has provided every member of the Hayward community spectacular state-of-the-art park facilities to enjoy.

MEMORIALIZING MS. GEORGIA BALL TRAVIS

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and work of Ms. Georgia Travis, whose amazing life came to a peaceful end on March 12, 2002, after 94 wonderful years. Ms. Travis committed her extraordinary life to the betterment of others, through social work, teaching, writing, and countless other endeavors, culminating in the creation of the Georgia Travis Center for homeless women and children. This

shelter, along with the indelible imprint she left on so many lives, will stand forever as the legacy left by this amazing woman.

Georgia Travis dedicated her personal and professional life to helping others. Born in 1908 in Kansas City, Missouri, Georgia was brought up in a family with a keen awareness of social injustice and inequity. She was taught to lend a helping hand to those in need, a notion that would dictate the course of her long life. After becoming one of the first students to earn a master's degree from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, she began working in the relatively new field of medical social work, helping stress patients in Chicago and disabled children in Seattle. By the late 1930s, Ms. Travis was traveling the country as a consultant for the new Washington, DC, based Crippled Children Service Department and the U.S. Transient Bureau. In 1953, Georgia was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship which sent her to Sydney, Australia, to teach. Shortly after returning to the States, she settled into what would eventually become her permanent home: the Bay Area of California.

The State of California may never fully realize the full extent of Ms. Travis' contributions, but I would like to take moment to share some of the many highlights. By 1962, just a few years after arriving in the Bay Area, she was named California Social Worker of the year. A year later she became a professor of Social Services at San Diego State University, teaching graduate level courses until her retirement in 1970. But Georgia's idea of "retirement" was as unconventional as it was prolific.

Ms. Travis lived in retirement with the same spirit and ideals of her childhood and professional life; she could sense injustice and suffering, create solutions, and see the process through to the end. After the passing of her mother in 1971, Georgia found solace and balance in the Quaker faith, and became a member of the Quaker Society of Friends. Strengthened by her new faith, Georgia focused her efforts on the plight of the homeless community, a pursuit that would lead her to some of the biggest accomplishments of her life. She started out with fundamentals like providing meals at the Family Center in Agnews Hospital and distributing clothing at the Family Shelter in East San Jose. Then, with the help of the American Association of University Women, Georgia organized a committee that develops and provides the homeless, especially women and children, with improved services and outreach. She convinced Stanford University to conduct a major study on homeless children, and helped initiate educational programs for the children as well. Mr. Speaker, the list of her successes, of the tangible changes she made for thousands of people, is far too long to describe here. But I would like to make note of perhaps her greatest accomplishment of all: the establishment of the Georgia Travis Center.

In 1992, the nonprofit San Jose shelter agency InnVision honored the wishes of Ms. Travis by opening a new shelter for homeless

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women and children, to be named after the woman who perhaps had done more for their cause than anyone else in the city's history. At the Center, volunteers help women and children get back on their feet by providing meals, medical care, childhood-development courses, and classes on computers and career planning. The Center provides them not only with new hope for the future, but a sense of a security and value that may have been taken away from them when their homes were lost. Ever humble, Ms. Travis was embarrassed by the attention of having her name immortalized, but the Georgia Travis Center will forever be a working tribute to Georgia's insatiable desire to empower, enlighten, and improve the lives of those in need of help.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of a friend and a role model. I had many opportunities to work with Ms. Travis, and what amazed me most about her was the ability she had to instill in others the same passion and resolve that she herself had in everything she set out to accomplish. The Bay Area should feel fortunate to be chosen as the beneficiary of her great works, and I personally feel fortunate to represent a district so deeply touched by her.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2002

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind Americans why the Pledge of Allegiance is so important in light of the 9th Circuit Appeals Court decision. I'd like to submit Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court Roy S. Moore's July 1998 statement titled "Our American Birthright." At that time, Justice Moore was a Circuit Court Judge.

OUR AMERICAN BIRTHRIGHT

(By Roy S. Moore)

One nation under God was their cry and declaration,
Upon the law of nature's God they built a mighty nation.
For unlike mankind before them who had walked this earthen sod,
These men would never question the sovereignty of God.
That all men were "created" was a truth "self-evident,"
To secure the rights God gave us was the role of government,
And if any form of government became destructive of this end,
It was their right, their duty, a new one to begin.
So with firm reliance on Divine Providence for protection,
They pledged their sacred honor and sought His wise direction.
They lifted an appeal to God for all the world to see,
And declared their independence forever to be free.
I'm glad they're not here with us to see the mess we're in,
How we've given up our righteousness for a life of indulgent sin.
For when abortion isn't murder and sodomy is deemed a right,
Then evil is now called good and darkness is now called light.
While truth and law were founded on the God of all Creation,

Man now, through law, denies the truth and calls it "separation."

No longer does man see a need for God when he's in full control.

For the only truth self-evident is in the latest poll.

But with man as his own master we fail to count the cost,

Our precious freedoms vanish and our liberty is lost.

Children are told they can't pray and they teach them evolution,

When will they learn the fear of God is the only true solution.

Our schools have become the battleground while all across the land,

Christians shrug their shoulders afraid to take a stand.

And from the grave their voices cry the victory has been won

Just glorify the Father as did His only Son.

When your work on earth is done, and you've traveled where we've trod,

You'll leave the land we left to you, One Nation Under God

RECOGNIZING RICHARD P. SESSLER

HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard "Dick" Sessler for his 12 years of dedicated service to the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees. On June 28th, 2002, Mr. Sessler retired from his post as Executive Director for the Refugee Center. During his tenure, he was instrumental in the successful resettlement of close to 10,000 refugees from Bosnia, Russia, Vietnam, Burma, and Sudan to the Utica, NY area. Mr. Sessler is a visionary and a truly remarkable leader. Under his leadership the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees expanded significantly, initiated innovative services and formed many meaningful partnerships with a large number of community organizations.

Mr. Sessler's work with the center dates back to 1990 when he was first hired as Associate Director and later promoted to Executive Director in 1993. During that time the Center has grown tremendously. The Refugee Center now offers three well staffed and well developed programs that have been made more effective: a health program, an education program, and an excellent job placement program. In addition, Mr. Sessler was involved in the establishment of an on-site clinic, nighttime English classes (ESL), a dental program, a community relations program and citizenship classes.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Sessler plans to continue to offer his services to the refugee community. His plans include consulting and serving as an active member of the Lutheran Immigration Service (LIRS). I am confident that he will continue to offer his knowledge and experience and serve as a tremendous asset to the LIRS.

Mr. Sessler's commitment to the Refugee Center should serve as an inspiration to all. Mr. Sessler was and will remain to be well respected and well liked by all that have the pleasure to work with him. He has touched and reshaped the lives of many war-torn men,

women and children across the globe by helping them escape brutal religious and political persecution—I commend him for his efforts. I am confident that the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees will continue to maintain its excellent reputation, level of professionalism, and success that Mr. Sessler worked so diligently to instill within it.

VFW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

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Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate my constituent Allegra Guarino, New York's recent winner of the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Voice of Democracy Scholarship Contest. This very talented young writer from Marlboro, New York has written an essay entitled "Reaching Out to America's Future" that bears reading and reflection by all of us. I am very proud to represent her in Congress, and I'm sure that her family and friends are very proud of her accomplishment. I am certain that she has a very bright future and will go on to do great things for her community and our nation. We need more young people like her.

REACHING OUT TO AMERICA'S FUTURE (By Allegra Guarino)

When I hear the phrase . . . "reaching out to America's future" . . . I think of an outreach trip that I took this summer to Harlan County, Kentucky. Harlan County is one of—if not the poorest counties in America. The people here don't have running water, some of them don't have electricity, and what is even more shocking is that some of them don't have a sewage system. They live in hills of the Appalachian Mountains in conditions that many people wouldn't dream exist in our great country. One of the volunteers on the trip found a beautiful stone on the ground and gave it to a little girl that he met. He told her that it was a dream stone, and that if she held onto it when she was dreaming of the future, it would hold inside of it all of her hopes and her dreams. The six-year-old girl looked up at him with questioning eyes and said, "But I don't know how to hope and dream." How do you teach a child to dream? Most people don't have to be taught. Because they are lucky enough to live in part of our country where the reach of their dreams has no limitations.

Another child I met in Kentucky is named Bailey. She is a four-year-old that loves to play on the swing set, so on the third day of the trip I decided to teach her how to butterfly swing. I sat down on the swing and placed her on my lap so that she was facing me. I kicked off from the rocky soil and we began swinging. I told her to be sure and watch the shadow that we were casting on the ground. I watched her eyes light up as she saw the butterfly shaped shadow on the ground. As we pulled away from each other and then back towards each other the shadow was an image of a butterfly flapping its wings. I told her that she might not be able to fly like the butterfly but she could do lots of great things in her life. She thought about the butterfly and what I had said and then she looked at me with these big blue eyes and said you can be the wings. I know that she didn't mean it as deeply as I took it. She was probably only referring to the shadow that we were making on the ground. But to me it meant something more.