

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on September 5, 2002 because I was taking my kids to their first day of school.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4727, the Dam Safety and Security Act of 2002, and also in favor of H. Res. 94, honoring the contributions of Venus and Serena Williams.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN EDWARD WRIGHT

HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Edward Wright, originally from Aiken, South Carolina. Mr. Wright was recently awarded a citation for distinguished service from the Secretary of the Interior for his outstanding contributions in the field of public affairs for the Office of the Secretary.

Mr. Wright is the Senior Public Information Officer in the Secretary's Office of Communications, where he is held in high esteem and is respected for his media relations expertise, institutional knowledge, and familiarity with the key issues confronting the Department of Interior.

As Senior Public Information Officer, he provides expert public affairs counsel to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Director of Communications. In addition, departmental communications managers rely upon Mr. Wright for guidance and direction regarding public affairs messages and strategies.

Mr. Wright has also fostered important working relationships with reporters in the national media. He has a reputation for his responsiveness and willingness to go the extra mile to meet media deadlines. Earlier this year during the Department of Interior's unveiling of the Competitive Sourcing program, Mr. Wright worked closely with the Office of Policy, Management, and Budget was responsible for all media relations planning and execution. With his guidance, the launch of this plan in the media was an outstanding success, generating accurate and positive media coverage.

Most recently, Mr. Wright has been the lead for the public affairs office in the Office of the Secretary for implementation of media outreach and communications related to the Department of Interior/USDA National Fire Plan. In this capacity, Mr. Wright has worked effectively with federal and state communications

officers to develop news releases, fact sheets, and interviews with key media. Mr. Wright, through his enduring hard work, unwavering attention to detail and diligence in promoting Departmental ideals, portrays a public information specialist that others can emulate.

For his service which has earned him Departmental commendation as well as his co-workers' respect, I recognize Mr. John Edward Wright.

RAE AND MAL WEBBER CELEBRATE THEIR 60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many family and friends who have gathered to congratulate Rae and Mal Webber of New Haven, Connecticut as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Throughout their six decades together, Rae and Mal have dedicated much of themselves to enriching our community—bringing the generosity and compassion they have shared together to us all.

It is not often that you find individuals who so willingly volunteer their time and efforts on behalf of their communities. Rae and Mal have a rich history of advocacy and unparalleled commitment—their unwavering spirit changing the face of Greater New Haven. I have often had the pleasure of working with both Rae and Mal and am continually inspired by their devotion and dedication to our community.

I have often spoke of our nation's need for talented, creative educators ready to help our children learn and grow. Committing a lifetime of work to our young people, Rae exemplified this ideal as an educator. Throughout her career, she touched the lives of thousands of children, ensuring that they were prepared with the skills and knowledge they needed to pursue their dreams. In addition to her professional career, Rae volunteered much of her time to community organizations. Through her efforts on behalf of the League of Women Voters, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, Rae helped many Connecticut residents find ways to make their voices heard. Rae was also active in the coordination of the communal service held at the Immanuel Baptist Church on Martin Luther King Day. Her contributions, as a professional and community member, have truly made a difference in the lives of many.

A vocal public advocate, Mal's efforts on behalf of New Haven's Jewish community and the Greater New Haven area, have left an indelible mark that will not be forgotten. Education and the gift of knowledge were a central focal point of Mal's incredible work. As Chairman of the

Board of Directors, during a pivotal point in its history, Mal led the efforts to save and enhance the New Haven Public Library—which has ensured the library's continued success today. Mal also served as the Director of both the Connecticut Jewish Community Relations Council and Anti-Defamation League during the times of the Civil Rights Movement—a tumultuous time throughout the nation.

Using his unique position in these two organizations, Mal worked diligently with clergy, political, and community leaders to sustain the relationship between our Jewish community and the Greater New Haven community as a whole.

Today, as they celebrate their lifetime together, we, as a community, extend our deepest thanks and appreciation for all that they have done to enrich our lives. I am proud to join their children, Susan, Henry, and Bruce, family, friends and community members in congratulating them on this very special occasion and extending my very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO MARIE HOLINSWORTH

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, during my service as a Member of the House of Representatives, it has been my honor and privilege to rise and pay tribute to organizations and people who really make a difference in the Michigan community. Today I rise to recognize Marie Holinsworth, Legislative Chair for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2358 Ladies Auxiliary in Roseville, Michigan.

As Legislative Chair, Mrs. Holinsworth has been a tireless advocate for the VFW's "Priority Goals." No veterans' subject is insignificant to Mrs. Holinsworth. With her quiet strength and customary eloquence, Mrs. Holinsworth's letters to my office express a comprehensive understanding of the issues and clearly set forth the agenda the Ladies Auxiliary is pursuing.

At the recent Michigan VFW State Convention, Mrs. Holinsworth was recognized for her legislative duties by being the recipient of two top awards. The first was the "Most Outstanding Promotion of the Legislative Program" for her efforts in writing letters, working at polls and meeting with candidates and legislators. This distinction was enhanced by the announcement that she also won the award for the "Best Promotion of Priority and Security Goals," placing first among over two-hundred and fifty Auxiliaries in the state of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mrs. Holinsworth for the wonderful work that she has done for the Ladies Auxiliary, and heartily congratulate her on winning the awards which she so richly deserves.

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