

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF ILLINOIS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARY
LOU COWLISHAW

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the invaluable contributions of State Representative Mary Lou Cowlshaw over her nearly 20 years of service to the people of Illinois as a member of the Illinois General Assembly. Moreover, I am proud to have served alongside her during her first four years of service.

As a parent and former public school teacher, I would like to commend Representative Cowlshaw for her strong commitment to improving educational opportunities for the young people of Illinois. As the Ranking Member of the Illinois House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and as a board member of the Lisle School District 202 Foundation, Representative Cowlshaw has done an exceptional job of advancing education and thereby securing the well-being and future success of all children in Illinois.

During her tenure in the Illinois General Assembly, Representative Cowlshaw's efforts contributed to the establishment of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy located in my congressional district. She has also worked tirelessly to advocate innovative approaches to increase student learning, improve teacher quality, and expand access to teaching in mathematics and science.

And, Representative Cowlshaw's exemplary dedication to the young people of Illinois extends well beyond the walls of the classroom. In fact, this past March, the Illinois Coalition to End Homelessness honored Representative Cowlshaw for her work to improve the educational rights of homeless students across the Nation.

When Representative Cowlshaw retires from the Illinois State House of Representatives at the end of this year, she should carry with her the knowledge that she has made the Illinois General Assembly, and particularly the State of Illinois, a better place.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.
AND MRS. HOUSEHOLDER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Robert and Zema Householder are celebrating 70 years of marriage; and

Whereas, Robert and Zema have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Robert and Zema must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family; and

Whereas, Robert and Zema have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Householder as they celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

HONORING DR. RICHARD WARREN

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Franklin, Massachusetts in honoring Dr. Richard Warren for his 30 years of outstanding service to the Franklin Public School System and other districts throughout New England.

After receiving his bachelors' degree from Bryant College in 1964, Dr. Warren earned his Masters of Educational Administration and Supervision at Rhode Island College in 1973; his Certificate of Advanced Study at the University of Connecticut in 1978; and his Ph.D. in Education Administration at the University of Connecticut in 1980.

During his 30-plus years of service to public education in Franklin and New England, Dr. Warren has distinguished himself as both an educator and administrator. Whether it be as an elementary school teacher for the public school districts of Tiverton, Rhode Island and Fall River, Massachusetts; Supervising Principal for Scituate Public Schools of Scituate, Rhode Island; or Superintendent of Schools for Franklin, Ayer, Mansfield and Dartmouth School Districts in Massachusetts, Dr. Warren has maintained his life-long commitment to educating the children of our community.

Furthermore, Dr. Warren's passion and dedication to learning has never been confined to the classroom. He has served as Associate Director of the Northeast Community Education Development Center and Research-Associate for the Department of Education Administration at the University of Connecticut; Director of Community Services for Fall River Public Schools in Fall River, Massachusetts; and Coordinator of the Title I Extended School Day program. It is clear that Dr. Warren's passion and enthusiasm for education has rewarded not only the children of our public schools, but also our entire community.

Although Dr. Warren is retiring to spend more time with his wife, Linda; daughters, Lisa and Barbara; and his grandchildren, he intends to be active as an educational consultant. In his personal time, Dr. Warren enjoys music and gardening.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow members of U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dr. Warren for all that he has done for the community of Franklin and other communities throughout Massachusetts and New England. He has served us well, and I wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN DAN
MARSHALL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Captain Dan Marshall of Greeley, Colorado. Captain Marshall has demonstrated exemplary leadership at the Air Force's 137th Space Warning Squadron in Greeley. For this, Mr. Speaker, the United States Congress commends Captain Marshall and wishes him the best of luck.

Throughout his career, Captain Marshall has accumulated such honors as being top of his class at USAF Undergraduate Space Training at Vandenberg Air Force Base in 1998 and having top qualifications as MGS Field Commander and Main Operating Base OTC. Captain Marshall is rated "Highly Qualified" in Space Operations, which is the best U.S. Space Command rating given by the military. In addition, Dan is a highly skilled pilot having earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation at Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado. Dan's continued service is admirable and greatly appreciated by his fellow Coloradans, Americans and me.

The United States military is vital to the future and national security of our great Nation, and the citizens of this country are indebted to Captain Marshall. His rank and educational achievements speak for themselves. Dan is a fine example to the youth of America and to all who share his devotion to our country.

As a citizen of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Captain Marshall is truly a positive role model for the youth of America. Dan's community, state and country are proud of him. I ask the House to join me in extending our appreciation and well wishes to Captain Dan Marshall.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VIC-
TIMS OF THE KATYN FOREST
MASSACRE AND THE WORLD
TRADE CENTER ATTACKS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims of senseless and unspeakable atrocities. The New Jersey Division of the Polish American Congress sponsored a memorial service to remember those who lost their lives during the tragic Katyn Forest Massacre sixty-two years ago, and those killed during the attack on America, September 11, 2001. The service was held at the Katyn Monument site in Jersey City, New Jersey, on September 15, 2002.

After Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union maliciously invaded Poland in 1939, the Polish

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citizenry fought bravely against both adversaries on two fronts. Unfortunately, in the process of valiantly defending their homeland, over fifteen thousand Polish soldiers, officers, intellectual leaders, prisoners of war, and other Polish citizens were brutally murdered. Perhaps one of the most unforgettable acts committed by the Soviet Union against Poland was later uncovered with the discovery of 4,500 bodies found in a single mass grave at the Katyn forest, near Smolensk in the Soviet Union. This horrendous discovery became known as the Katyn Forest Massacre.

And in an egregious attack against humanity, over three thousand Americans and citizens representing more than 80 nationalities were lost at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the fields of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001. The heinous attacks on American soil reaffirmed our commitment to Democracy in defense of a free and open society, threatened by evil, injustice, hatred, and tyranny.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the lives lost in these tragedies. We shall never forget these acts of barbarism. And we shall never forget the innocent lives lost as we strive, as a People, to create a peaceful world.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2002: A TIME TO MOURN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, the good book tells us that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. There is a time to weep and a time to mourn. On September 6th I joined some 250 of my colleagues in this body as we traveled to Federal Hall in New York City to do just that.

We gathered at a place in which this Congress met and even adopted the Bill of Rights in 1789. We mourned with those who mourn and we wept with those who weep. The last time I was in New York City was September 21, 2001. I stood in the ashes and on the periphery of the devastation at Ground Zero and I expect tomorrow, as we all do, to be a deeply moving day emotionally.

As we join to pray, Mr. Speaker, let us ever remember that we are also told that there is a time for peace and there is a time for war. As we pray for the bereaved let us also pray for wisdom for our President and our leadership in this institution as we choose the times and the days ahead for war.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
RAYMOND EDWARD WARNER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Raymond Warner has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Raymond Warner has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Raymond Warner has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Raymond Warner must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 212 and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Raymond Edward Warner as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING WILFREDO VAZQUEZ-
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HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wilfredo Vazquez-Pol of Clinton, Massachusetts who retired on September 3, 2002 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency after many years of dedicated service.

Willie, as his friends and co-workers affectionately call him, has had a very illustrious career. He served his country by enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1965 and was stationed in Hawaii and served in Vietnam. He was an auditor with the U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Inspector General, and for the past 22 years, was a devoted member of the EPA/OIG staff where he was the Audit Manager in the Boston office since 1988. His hard work earned him the bronze Medal, the highest award given by the Inspector General.

Willie has been an outstanding citizen in Clinton and has given much of his personal time to community service. He helps provide translation services to Latino residents who have difficulty transitioning into the community. Willie is a member of the Clinton Lodge of Elks where he served as Exalted Ruler, and is also a member of the Clinton Hospital Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure to congratulate Willie on an outstanding career. I am certain that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in wishing him many years of good health and happiness in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY MORGENSEN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jerry Morgensen, President and CEO of Hensel Phelps Construction in Greeley, Colorado. After the devastating attack on our Nation last September, Mr. Morgensen and his company were hired to rebuild the scarred west face of the Pentagon. Tonight, he is being awarded the Air Force Association's John R. Alison Award in recognition of his outstanding industrial leadership while renovating and rebuilding the home of our defense department.

Jerry Morgensen is a man who has served his country well during one of its darkest hours. Due to his innovation and leadership,

he and a team of dedicated men and women were able to rebuild the Pentagon in less than one year, defying the terrorists and fostering a sense of healing in the citizens who watched the building's dramatic transformation. I am proud of the tremendous work Mr. Morgensen has done, not only to rebuild the Pentagon, but to reinvigorate our national spirit.

A citizen of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Jerry Morgensen is truly a great American. I ask the House to join me in extending our sincere thanks and warmest congratulations to Mr. Jerry Morgensen.

IN MEMORY OF STEVEN SNYDER,
CHAMPION OF THE PERSECUTED

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, on August 27, 2002, one of the leading advocates for the persecuted passed away. His name was Rev. Steven Snyder and I knew him well. Steve cared as much as anyone I know for the persecuted. His efforts and labor on behalf of the voiceless and the persecuted, raised awareness of cases and problems in far away places that few would have known without his voice. Mr. Speaker, I will insert following these remarks an article from the Washington Times which describes how Steve made such a difference with his life.

Steven was the founder and president of International Christian concern, an organization dedicated to raise awareness of and to advocate for the plight of persecuted Christians around the world. Prior to founding International Christian Concern, Steve was the director of Christian Solidarity International, where he also was a strong and vocal advocate for the persecuted.

Steve was a pioneer in exposing to the world the horrible persecution and brutality that is occurring to people just because of their religious beliefs. Steve's efforts and his voice resounded in the halls of power throughout the world. His advocacy and speaking out on the persecuted, influenced Members of Congress and government officials from around the world to intervene and become involved in what would have otherwise been unknown issues.

In order to see and learn first-hand of persecution, Steve risked his life many times by personally traveling to very dangerous parts of the world, where he not only was a witness to human rights abuses, but where he also brought hope and love to the suffering.

Steve was a remarkable man who did incredible things in his 53 years for the suffering all over the world. Steve will be sorely missed. He deserves the words from Matthew 25, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

We send our condolences to his wife Connie and four children Sarah de Vuyst, Lori Slaubaugh, Joshua Snyder and Sean Snyder.

[From the Washington Times, Aug. 29, 2002]

SNYDER DIES AT 53; ADVOCATED CHRISTIAN
FREEDOM ABROAD

(By Larry Witham)

The Rev. Steven L. Snyder, a tireless global traveler and advocate for voiceless Christians abroad who faced religious persecution under communist and Islamic regimes, died Monday night of an infection. He was 53.