

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF REVEREND TYRONE
CHESS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Tyrone Chess for his exceptional service as pastor and founder of Holy Ghost Tabernacle Ministries in Jersey City, New Jersey. Rev. Chess was honored on November 3, 2002, at Holy Ghost Tabernacle's Ninth Annual Anniversary Banquet held at the Marriott International in Newark, New Jersey.

A native of Jersey City, born there in 1956, Rev. Chess has devoted his life to the improvement of his community. Having been a pastor for nine years, Rev. Chess now serves as the social and political chairperson of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and in the past served as its second vice president. His passion for the well being of humankind led him to participate as a member and chairperson of the Human Rights Commission. Presently, he is a member of the Jersey City Board of Adjustments, and founder and CEO of the Lincoln Center Community Development, Inc.

Reverend Chess began his religious education at Essex County College, and continued his studies at the American Fellowship Seminary. He recently earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology from the Adonai Temple Christian Center Bible Institute.

Rev. Chess is married to Martha Chess and they are the proud parents of five children: Daarina, Thaddeus, Tyrone, Jr., Safiyah, and Zaynah.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Reverend Tyrone Chess for his many years of dedicated service as a pastor and mentor to the Jersey City community. The Reverend's selfless contributions to the community have not gone unnoticed; without a doubt, he is one of New Jersey's most outstanding religious leaders.

HONORING MORGAN WOOTTEN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, Morgan Wootten has been changing the lives of young men in the Washington area for the last half century. Last month, Mr. Wootten, the head basketball coach at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, MD, since 1956, announced his retirement.

Coach Wootten finished his career with 1,274 wins, 44 consecutive seasons with 20 or more wins, 33 Catholic league championships, 16 city titles, and five national championships. Under Coach Wootten, DeMatha finished the season ranked No. 1 in the area, a record 22

times. More than a dozen of his players have gone on to play in the NBA, 150 have received college basketball scholarships, and more than 20 are currently coaching basketball at some level. And two years ago, the all-time winningest high school basketball coach in America was inducted into the basketball Hall of Fame.

But numbers do not tell the story of Morgan Wootten, nor the impact he has had on the lives of those young men he has coached at DeMatha. He is most remembered by his players, and the students in his history classes, for the lessons he taught them about life. Coach Wootten preached to his players the importance of God, family, school and basketball, in that order. His true value is measured in the professional and personal success of those he has taught and coached, and by the number of former players and students who have remained close to him over the years.

Mr. Speaker, President Theodore Roosevelt said that "To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society." Morgan Wootten has educated several generations of young men in both mind and morals, and I offer him my warmest congratulations on his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING
CITIZENSHIP AND WORK OF MR.
BILL COLE

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Mr. Bill Cole, an outstanding citizen of Northern Virginia.

Mr. Cole has completed an exceptional career that has positively impacted our community. As a retired Army Officer with 28 years of service, Mr. Cole's last assignment was with the Department of Defense in helicopter research and development. While holding a master's degree in public administration, Mr. Cole currently works for William W. Cole & Associates, a business consulting firm he formed in 1992. Mr. Cole has also served as General Manager of Capital Lighting & Supply, Inc, an electrical distributor, for 18 years. Concurrently, he was co-owner and Vice President of Shannon Builders, a residential construction company, from 1978–1982.

Perhaps one of Mr. Cole's most important contributions to the community was his service as President of the Occoquan Watershed Coalition, an all-volunteer organization that is committed to the protection of "The Downzoned Occoquan Watershed" and the drinking water that it provides. Mr. Cole formed the Occoquan Watershed Coalition in the fall of 1994 and on December 7, 1994, the coalition was recognized as an official organization.

Bill Cole's efforts have motivated others to dedicate their time and energy to improving

quality of life for others. He is that rare individual who cares more about doing good than getting credit.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it is with great pleasure that I extend this recognition to Mr. Bill Cole. His contributions to Virginia and his community have been great. Virginia is proud to have such a distinguished citizen in its professional and social community. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding him for all that he has done.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE BLOOD
OF THE MARTYRS—MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. BLOOD DRIVE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Blood of the Martyrs—Martin Luther King, Jr. Blood Drive and its sponsors, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing, the American National Red Cross, and the National Black Catholic Congress. This very important blood drive will take place from January 15–22, 2003 as part of National Blood Donor Month.

The Second Annual Blood of the Martyrs—Martin Luther King, Jr. blood drive in 2002 was met with a response of nearly 650 donors, who donated a total of 520 pints. These pints provided a supply of 2,080 blood units to be used for patients needs. I offer heartfelt thanks to all those who gave last year and contributed to this wonderful turnout.

The goal for this year's drive is 1205 productive units of blood which will result in blood supplies for nearly 5000 people. I encourage everyone who is able to donate blood, to do so for this worthy cause—it may be you who saves a life!

Mr. Speaker, at this time in our Nation's History, when our President is encouraging all Americans to serve a purpose greater than themselves, when we must rely on our neighbors, I can think of a few ways to better serve our fellow Americans than by giving the gift of life, by donating blood.

IN HONOR OF THE URBAN LEAGUE
OF HUDSON COUNTY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Urban League of Hudson County for its efforts to revive communities throughout Hudson County, and to congratulate it upon the completion of its new headquarters on Martin Luther King Drive in Jersey City, NJ. To commemorate this event, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 18, 2002, at the site of the new headquarters.

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The Urban League of Hudson County is an organization that has stood for human advancement and achievement, and has worked tirelessly to develop and revitalize our urban areas. Its work has given hope and fortune to so many who call the inner city their home.

Project Reclaim is an Urban League initiative created for the redevelopment of the twenty-six block radius of Martin Luther King Drive in the Ward F community of Jersey City. The new headquarters building is a cornerstone of the Urban League's plan to initiate an economic and social renaissance in this community. And with the community's participation, this renaissance will be a lasting and inspiring model for the country.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Urban League of Hudson County for providing hope to countless families, and for believing in America by investing and revitalizing our urban areas, when others turned their backs on our cities. The Urban League's accomplishments have paved the way for prosperous and healthy communities throughout New Jersey.

CONGRATULATING THE WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. RADONOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Westlands Water District of Huron, CA, on the occasion of celebrating 50 years of dedication and service to the communities of the San Joaquin Valley of California on Sunday, November 17, 2002. The 50th anniversary celebration will take place at Harris Ranch in Coalinga, CA.

Farming in the Westlands Water District began during California's Gold Rush era. The first significant irrigation in the Westlands area began about 1915 with the drilling of deep wells by individual operators on large acreages. In 1942, the Westside Landowners Association was established to urge and help finance studies on the feasibility of developing and constructing water supply systems to serve the west side. In 1952, the owners of 400,000 acres of westside land petitioned the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for the formation of the water district. On September 8, 1952, the Westlands Water District was formed.

Westlands is one of the largest agricultural water districts in the United States, with more than 570,000 irrigated acres of diversified crops on some of the most productive soil in the world. Westlands provides water to nearly 600 family-owned farms that average 850 acres in size. Farms within Westlands produce approximately \$1 billion worth of food and fiber per year. This translates into \$3.5 billion in farm related economic activity, nearly one-third of the \$12.5 billion generated by the agriculture-based economy of Fresno County. In addition to food and fiber, Westlands farmers produce jobs, taxes, and strong economic core for the regional economy.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Westlands Water District of Central California on the occasion of their 50th year anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Westlands Water District many years of continued success.

HONORING DR. MARTIN EICHELBERGER

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Martin Eichelberger is a Professor of Surgery and of Pediatrics at George Washington University and Director of Emergency Trauma and Burn Service at the Children's National Medical Center, in Washington, DC. He is also president and cofounder of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, and a nationally recognized pediatric trauma surgeon.

The reason Dr. Eichelberger is so highly regarded became evident on Monday, October 7, when he was called out of a skin graft surgery to begin preparing for a 13-year-old shooting victim who was on his way to Children's Hospital from the Bowie Health Center. The boy had been shot by the Washington-area snipers in front of Benjamin Tasker Middle School, and the dozens of fragments from the sniper's bullet had done extensive and life-threatening damage to a number of the boy's vital organs.

Dr. Eichelberger and his team immediately began to make critical decisions about which organs could be saved, and which ones were beyond repair and needed to be removed. The right decisions were made, and the two and a half hour operation saved the boy's life. Although this brave young man faces a long and challenging road to recovery, I am pleased to report that he has been released from the hospital, and I am hopeful that he will in fact make a full recovery from his injuries.

Mr. Speaker, this 13-year-old young man is one of the countless youngsters who have been touched by the gifts of Mr. Eichelberger and whose lives have been saved or made better by his compassionate dedication to public service. The 1989 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states that "Mankind owes to the child the best it has to give." I am proud to say that in Dr. Eichelberger, we have given Washington area youngsters the best we have.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DUNCAN A. HOLADAY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Duncan Holaday upon his retirement after 35 years of devoted service in support of our great Nation. His last position was with the Department of the Navy, where he served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Facilities.

Mr. Holaday was born on February 15, 1943 in Berkeley, CA. He graduated from Beloit College in 1965 with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy. In 1976, he received a master of business administration degree from Syracuse University.

Mr. Holaday began his Government service with the U.S. Army in 1967 as a management intern. Following completion of his training, he

spent the next 15 years as an operations research analyst with the Army, serving both in the Pentagon and in Europe as well as with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Program Analysis and Evaluation. While in this position at OSD, Mr. Holaday was responsible for analyzing Army and Marine Corps force structure, force basing, military construction, and manpower requirements.

From 1982 to 1987, Mr. Holaday served as a director in the office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installations. It was there that he implemented the Model Installation Program, which was a highly successful test of the proposition that base commanders could do a better job of running their bases when freed of restraints imposed by headquarters. While at OSD, he also developed and implemented DOD-wide real property and base utilization policies.

He later served as the Director of the Defense Acquisition Regulatory System under the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition between 1987 and 1990. From 1990 to early 1993, he was the Executive Director of the Defense Ethics Council.

After leaving the Office of the Secretary of Defense in April 1993 and before joining the Department of the Navy in 1994, Mr. Holaday worked with then Vice President Al Gore on the National Performance Review, NPR. There, he was responsible for improving real property acquisition and management within the Federal Government and oversaw government-wide implementation of NPR recommendations for downsizing and streamlining the Federal workforce.

In October, 1994, he was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Facilities. As the Deputy Assistant Secretary, he was responsible for establishing policy and improving oversight on the Department of the Navy's acquisition, construction, use, management, operation, and disposal of real estate, facilities, and housing at Navy and Marine Corps bases worldwide.

During the transition in administrations, between January and August, 2001, he served as the Senior Civilian Official in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment. As Senior Civilian Official, he was directly responsible to the Secretary of the Navy for the formulation of Department-wide policies and procedures, and for overseeing all Department of the Navy functions and programs relating to environmental protection; Navy and Marine Corps facilities and installations; housing; long-range basing and infrastructure requirements; and safety and occupational health for military and civilian personnel. In this role, he provided stability and continuity during the absence of three presidentially-appointed political appointees.

His accomplishments throughout his career, and especially while serving in the Department of the Navy, are extraordinary. He has worked tirelessly to promote investment in the facilities where sailors and marines live, work, and train. He was at the forefront of the Department's efforts to improve military family housing through the innovative use of privatization authorities allowing partnership with the private sector. During his stewardship, the Department of the Navy was able to realize over \$600 million in investment in Navy and Marine Corps family housing, using only slightly over \$100 million of its own resources.