

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING, SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT (MESA)

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor MESA for receiving the prestigious 2001 Innovations in American Government Award. MESA has been successful in assisting educationally disadvantaged students excel in math, engineering and science.

MESA has touched over 30,800 students' lives, via the outreach programs in 440 schools, 35 community colleges, and 23 universities across the nation. Through participation in MESA 85 percent of graduating high school seniors advance to college. MESA promotes its participants by establishing an atmosphere of diverse partnerships among students who support each other's academic success. MESA is one out of five programs in the nation to receive the award, and the only program from California to be honored with the award this year.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate MESA for receiving the 2001 Innovation in American Government Award. I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking MESA for its outstanding service to the community and wishing MESA many more years of continued success.

### CONCERN FOR NEW FLOOD CONTROL RULES

### HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, the goal of improving our environment and providing cleaner air and water for future generations is an essential one.

Cleansing our national waterways has been a top priority for me throughout my time in public service. At the same time, however, I have recognized that we must undertake these efforts in ways that achieve important objectives without placing unduly onerous burdens on the communities responsible for implementing environmental regulations.

The cities that share Los Angeles County are now facing precisely this challenge as a result of a recent interpretation of storm water runoff regulations. As Don Waldie, a city official in Lakewood, wrote in an article printed in the February 4, 2002, Los Angeles Times, cities throughout Los Angeles County are, "about to be hit with a 'storm water tax' of up to \$53 billion over the next 10 years to attempt what may be impossible—to make the waters of the Los Angeles River fishable, swimmable and potentially drinkable."

The Coalition for Practical Regulation, comprised of 42 cities directly affected by these

regulations, has been formed to seek sensible solutions to the storm water runoff issue. I am pleased to be working with these cities in an effort to secure federal funding for a pilot program aimed at finding solutions. We must find solutions that will not force cities to choose between cutting essential services or drastically increasing local taxes.

I urge my colleagues to review Mr. Waldie's article, which follows my remarks. What is happening to the cities in my district and in those of several other Members representing the cities of Los Angeles County, may be coming to your area soon. Sensible, affordable solutions must be found so that communities throughout the nation do not soon find themselves placed in the untenable position now confronting the communities of Los Angeles County.

[From the Los Angeles Times, Feb. 4, 2002]

### NEW FLOOD CONTROL RULES MUDDY THE LOCAL WATERS

(By D.J. Waldie)

Neither good science nor good technology exists today to test for or remove all the possible contaminants flowing into the county-operated flood control system from lawn watering and cars driving on city streets.

Yet cities throughout Los Angeles County are about to be hit with a "storm water tax" of up to \$53 billion over the next 10 years to attempt what may be impossible—to make the waters of the Los Angeles River fishable, swimmable and potentially drinkable.

But should they be? What if the cost means less money for parks, police, housing and community services?

What if the cost of turning the Los Angeles River into a mountain stream means severely degrading the quality of life in the small cities along the river's banks?

Neither the voters nor their elected city and county representatives had the opportunity to have those questions answered because the nine members of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, all appointed by the governor, decided that these questions don't matter.

The board unanimously adopted in December a revised storm water permit for most of the county's 84 cities that contains 44 new quality standards.

Meeting just one of them—a "total maximum daily load" for trash in the flood control channel of "zero" by 2012—will cost county taxpayers an estimated \$1 billion.

The cost for meeting this standard—and all the others—will be covered by new city fees and user charges for property owners or will be taken from municipal funds needed to maintain streets, pay for police or keep community centers open.

Some of the hardest-pressed cities in the state must remake their budgets to become the Los Angeles regional board's enforcement arm.

Maywood has a general fund budget of about \$6 million. What part of law enforcement in Maywood does the regional board consider appropriate to cut in order to police storm drains?

In Bell Gardens, enforcement efforts would be equal to 100% of the city's recreation budget. In Huntington Park, it's at least 75%.

Even worse, these cities face a grinding round of citizen lawsuits under the federal Clean Water Act and fines of up to \$27,500 a day if they fail to comply with the board's mandates.

Cities and the county can be sued even if they make good-faith efforts to clean up storm water or if the experimental technologies they use don't work.

These costs didn't impress the members of the Los Angeles regional board.

One member waved off concerns, saying cities would find the money somehow.

In response to such indifference, the county, the city of Los Angeles and most of the county's other cities have appealed the regional board's storm water permit to the State Water Resources Control Board.

It may be too late, however, to rescue workable storm water regulation from a future of unnecessary conflict and the expense of the inevitable court cases.

All this could have been avoided.

We already have a model for negotiating environmental goals into the operation of the flood control system.

Five years ago, when the small cities of the southeast area of the country were faced with the catastrophic failure of the local flood control system, everyone—the county Public Works Department, the cities, federal agencies and skeptical environmental organizations—sat down (after initial conflict) to work out solutions that restored flood protection and began the environmental revival of the wastelands along the rivers' edge.

With realistic goals, everyone at the table became an advocate for both the efficient operation of the flood control system and the riverside environment.

The open space and recreation projects that came out of this process are an integral part of the \$100-million, state-funded revitalization of the entire Los Angeles River.

The give and take of negotiation won't satisfy environmental absolutists, who are intolerant of less-than-perfect solutions, but the State Water Resources Control Board should at least try.

The state water board should halt the imposition of the regional board's storm water tax and assert its leadership by joining with the cities, the county and the environmental community in a collaborative review of realistic, scientifically sound and environmentally just goals for storm water quality.

### TRIBUTE TO MR. BOON SWAN FOO

### HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a gentleman I have come to know and respect in recent years as we have worked on defense and economic development-related opportunities for South Texas.

I want to commend Mr. Boon Swan Foo, the former Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Singapore Technologies, for winning the title of Outstanding CEO for 2000. The award is one of several Singapore Business Awards administered by the Business Times and DHL Worldwide Express.

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Singapore Technologies designs, develops, manufactures and markets a range of engineering opportunities for both the military and commercial uses. Mr. Boon has been with the company since 1979, beginning as a marine engineer.

His vision to take this global enterprise to the next level was not hot air; he did it the old-fashioned way, from the ground up, taking care of the assorted details along the way. Market capitalization grew by \$6 billion in roughly five years and he raised disclosure standards.

He has two philosophies for running a successful company. One, he got the best people by recruiting, retaining and retraining. He found smart, talented people; he enticed them to stay and he offered them continual professional development.

The other philosophy is enshrined in the company motto: "A bowstring which is always kept taut will soon become over-stretched, lose its elasticity and cease to be of use. So it is with human beings, who must alternate work with relaxation."

To that end, this high-level executive lives on the edge by indulging in deep sea diving and skydiving. Between these activities he is an avid jogger.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending my friend, Boon Swann Foo, for winning the prestigious Business Award.

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING  
SEAS TO COMMANDER LAURELL  
A. BRAULT

### HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2002*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding naval officer, Commander Laurell A. Brault, who served with distinction and dedication for over two years for the Secretary of the Navy and under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C) as a Navy Appropriations Liaison Officer. It is a privilege for me to recognize her many outstanding achievements and commend her for the superb service she has provided to the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our nation.

On a professional level, Commander Brault has supported members of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense as well as our professional and associate staffs, providing critical information on Department of the Navy plans, programs and budget decisions since January 2000. Her valuable contributions have enabled the Defense Subcommittee and the Department of the Navy to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well-trained and well-equipped naval forces attainable for the defense of our great nation. As a Member of the Subcommittee representing the San Diego naval community, I have worked extensively with Laurell, and have come to greatly admire her.

Although she is a quiet and very humble person, no one should mistake those qualities as weaknesses in the rough and tumble world of Washington. Laurell is a very strong, talented and reliable professional, who has worked her system to be more responsive to

our needs on Capitol Hill. More than serving as a conduit of information between the legislative and executive branches, Laurell has reached out to her colleagues and taken the time to get to know us on a personal level.

Nowhere is that personal touch and caring more evident than in her life outside the Pentagon. Despite the long and demanding hours she keeps as a Navy liaison, she continues to devote considerable time to her faith and community. She dedicates considerable time each week for a host of volunteer programs at her church and to an ever expanding group of "adopted" family that she has come to know through those efforts. I am certain that everyone who has had the opportunity to get to know Laurell and work with her is the better for it, and I am pleased to be among that fortunate group.

Mr. Speaker, Laurell Brault and her husband Jim have made many sacrifices during her Navy career, and her distinguished and unselfish service has exemplified the best our nation has to offer. As they depart the Appropriations Matters Office to embark on yet another great Navy adventure in the service of a grateful nation, I call upon colleagues to wish them both every success, and the traditional Navy "fair winds and following seas."

REMEMBERING ALFRED P.  
HOLMES, JR., OF MOBILE, ALA-  
BAMA

### HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2002*

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening in remembrance of my fellow Alabamian, Alfred P. Holmes, Jr., who was laid to rest earlier today in his hometown of Mobile. He was 71, and filled those years with family, friends, and service to his country and community, and I believe Congress should take note of his exceptional life.

Mr. Holmes believed in public service. He believed that people should use their talents to help their fellow man. After earning a bachelor's degree and juris doctor degree from the University of Alabama, he began a distinguished legal career built upon those noble ideals.

Mr. Holmes served his Nation as an officer in the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General Corps and as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama. He was a member of the local, State and Federal bar associations and past president of the Mobile Area Federal Bar Association.

Mr. Holmes retired in 1990 as chief of the legal division in Mobile's district of the U.S. Corps of Engineers. While serving nearly three decades in that capacity, he helped guide the Corps' much-needed activities through complicated litigation, and paved the way for many of the monumental engineering and transportation projects that continue to benefit his fellow Alabamians.

While at the Corps, Mr. Holmes was presented with the U.S. Corps of Engineers Exemplary Service Award and was inducted into the District Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees.

Mr. Holmes was a graduate of Murphy High School and had lived in Mobile since child-

hood. He was a member of Ashland Place United Methodist Church and was chairman of its board of trustees at the time of his death.

Alfred Holmes was a fine man who lived a fine life. He was loved and cherished by his wife, Angie, honored and respected by his sons, Parker and Brock, and adored by his grandson, Michael.

They will miss a husband, a father, and a grandfather, and the entire city of Mobile will miss a dear friend and loyal citizen.

We in Congress salute the life of Alfred Holmes.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ARTHUR R.  
KONDRUP

### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2002*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the YMCA of Western Monmouth County's 2002 Community Service Honoree, Mr. Arthur R. Kondrup, president of the Western Monmouth County Chamber of Commerce and his significant contributions to central New Jersey.

For more than three decades, Mr. Kondrup has given selflessly of his time, treasure, and talents through his commitment to community, church, and family. With a reputation that precedes him, Arthur's legacy of hard work and dedication to worthwhile endeavors makes him well known throughout Central New Jersey.

Over the years, Arthur has served his State honorably in numerous public service positions. As an elected official, he served on the governing body in Freehold Township for 14 years, including five terms as mayor. At the State level, Mr. Kondrup was appointed by Governor Kean as the first chairman of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing. As chairman, he took on the difficult task of implementing the New Jersey Fair Housing Act.

A keystone of Arthur's life has been his involvement with church and his commitment to his faith. Among his varying accomplishments, he has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 46 years and has served as a lector at Sunday mass for over 30 years.

Additionally, it is appropriate to note that this September 13th, Arthur and his wife Patricia will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Arthur and Patricia are the proud parents of five children and grandparents of nine.

Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to celebrate, honor and commend this outstanding New Jerseyman. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Arthur Kondrup's invaluable contributions to our community and to central New Jersey.

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### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the Girl Scouts of Delaware-