

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF RAY "SCOTTY"
MORRIS

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute a great San Francisco talent, Ray "Scotty" Morris on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Scotty Morris is a brilliant photographer, and San Francisco has been enriched by the fine work he has done in our City.

Scotty's work in the fields of photography and photojournalism has earned him widespread recognition. He has won 28 national, state, and local awards for his photographs, including the well-recognized Associated Press News and Feature Award and the San Francisco Press Club Award for the best news picture of the year. His works have appeared in the New York Times, the London Times, Newsweek, Life, Esquire, Forbes, and many other prestigious publications.

Scotty Morris' photographs of international political leaders include every American President from Harry Truman to Bill Clinton, as well as Charles De Gaulle and Nikita Khrushchev. His portfolio includes well-known images of film stars Elizabeth Taylor, Sophia Loren, and Robert Redford; world icons Queen Elizabeth, Mother Teresa, and the Dalai Lama; and sports heroes Pele, Peggy Flemming, and Joe Montana.

During Mayor Frank Jordan's administration, Scotty was the official photographer for San Francisco. His photograph of the Royal Yacht Britannia entering San Francisco Bay was presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth as an official gift from the city of San Francisco and now resides in Buckingham Palace.

Mr. Speaker, Scotty Morris' artistic gifts have enriched our City and our nation. It is my pleasure to commend him for his marvelous career and to wish him the best on his 70th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, on Rollcall No. 92, H.R. 3762, the passage of the Employee Pension Freedom Act of 2007/Pension Security Act of 2002, I was unavoidably detained on Congressional business. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in the family, I was absent for Roll

Call Votes No. 80 through 92 from April 9, 2002 through April 11, 2002. I have listed below how I would have voted had I been present.

On Vote No. 80, to approve the Journal, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote No. 81, H. Res. 377, recognizing Ellis Island Medal of Honor and commending the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote No. 82, H.R. 3958, the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Settlement Act, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote No. 83, on agreeing to an amendment introduced by the gentleman from California, Mr. Waxman, to H.R. 3925, The Digital Tech Corps Act of 2002, I would have voted "No."

On Roll Call Vote No. 84, H. Res. 363, congratulating the people of Utah, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee and the athletes of the world for a successful and inspiring 2002 Olympic Winter Games, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote No. 85, H.R. 3991, the Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote No. 86, on a motion to instruct conferees to H.R. 2646, the Farm Security Act, "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote No. 87, on ordering the Previous Question, I would have voted, "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote No. 88, H. Res. 386, the rule to consider H.R. 3762, the Pension Security Act, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote No. 89, on approving the Journal, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote No. 90, on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California, Mr. Miller, Substitute Amendment to H.R. 3762, the Pension Security Act, I would have voted, "No."

On Roll Call Vote No. 91, on the motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3762, the Pension Security Act, I would have voted, "No."

On Roll Call Vote No. 92, on final passage of H.R. 3762, the Pension Security Act, I would have voted "Yea."

HONORING RUBEN BURKS, SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE UAW, ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ruben Burks on the occasion of his retirement from the UAW as secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Burks was elected secretary-treasurer of the UAW on June 24, 1998, by the delegates to the 32nd UAW Constitutional Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

As secretary-treasurer, Ruben holds the second-highest office in the UAW. He is re-

sponsible for various administrative departments of the International Union, including Accounting, Auditing, Building Maintenance, Circulation, Purchasing, and Strike Insurance. In addition, Burks directs the UAW Michigan CAP (Community Action Program) and the UAW's Veterans Department.

Prior to his position as secretary-treasurer, Ruben served three terms as director of UAW Region 1C, which covers 11 counties in south-central Michigan and is headquartered in Flint.

Mr. Speaker, Ruben has been a member of UAW Local 598 since 1955 when he went to work as an assembler at the former Fisher Body Plant 2 of General Motors Corporation in Flint, Michigan. In 1970, Mr. Burks was appointed by then UAW President Walter Reuther to the International Union staff in Region 1C where he serviced UAW members in General Motors and independents, parts, and supplier plants.

Ruben has been a long time community activist as well. He has been a leader in Flint Genesee County Economic Development, a cooperative effort by labor, business, and civic leaders to keep good jobs in the Flint community and to attract new industries to the area. Ruben played a leading role in the UAW-General Motors Community Health Care Initiative in Flint, an innovative community-based effort to improve the quality and accessibility of health care while at the same time making the community's health care delivery system more cost efficient.

Ruben has not only been active in the UAW, but is also actively involved in numerous civic, charitable, and youth organizations in the Flint community, including Special Olympics, March of Dimes, Red Cross, and Easter Seals.

An outspoken advocate for working families in the political arena, Mr. Burks has made grassroots political action by UAW members a high priority in Region 1C. Ruben also received an honorary degree in Community Development from Mott Community College in recognition and appreciation of his contributions to the Flint community.

Ruben has lived in Flint since 1955 and is the proud father of seven children and ten grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, as Ruben leaves his position as secretary-treasurer of the UAW, I would ask that all my colleagues salute him and his leadership.

RECOGNIZING DEPELCHIN
CHILDREN'S CENTER

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the DePelchin Children's Center, on the occasion of their 110th Anniversary and the grand opening dedication of their new facility. The DePelchin Children's Center is named for its founder Kezia Payne DePelchin,

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who in 1892 took three orphaned babies into her care and started a tradition of service.

The three babies taken in by Kezia were the first of thousands to be cared for by the DePelchin Children's Center. The center currently provides counseling services, parental education, adoption and foster care services, and residential treatment for children with emotional disorders. What is a most remarkable feat is that these services are currently offered to more than 27,000 children and families each year.

Throughout its 110 year continuum of care, DePelchin Children's Center has been a cornerstone of care in Harris, Montgomery, Ft. Bend, and Waller Counties. The services offered at DePelchin are designed to meet the specific needs of individuals and families. At DePelchin, services are offered to individuals regardless of their ability to pay. The Center receives its funding from the United Way, several government agencies, and the generosity of individuals within the community.

From 1892 to 2002, the DePelchin Children's Center has continued to grow. Through its support from the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) in 1937, DePelchin opened the Negro Child Center and targeted services to Houston's minority population. During the days of segregation DePelchin was a catalyst within the community.

There are many success stories that spawned from the DePelchin Children's Center. The "Bayou Place," a division of DePelchin in Spring, Texas, serves as a group home and hosts classes for foster and biological families. It provides education for children at the shelter, care for children of battered wives, and adoption services for mentally retarded children.

Mr. Speaker, I join the DePelchin Children's Center as it celebrates its 110th Anniversary and the grand opening dedication of the new facility. I commend the staff and volunteers of DePelchin for their unyielding commitment to the ideals of Kezia Payne DePelchin. Their passionate work on behalf of countless young Texans has set an example for generations. I applaud their leadership and service, and wish them continued success in the years to come.

HONORING ROSTEEN STRASSNER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Rosteen Strassner on the occasion of her 100th birthday. The Fresno Temple Church of God in Christ celebrated her birthday on March 23, 2002.

Mrs. Strassner has made numerous contributions to her community; she is truly a giving person. She has served the West Fresno Community and the City of Fresno for nearly 68 years. Her accomplishments have been great, and range in variety. Rosteen's concern for others has made an impact on her career choices. Mrs. Strassner worked as a dietitian at St. Agnes Hospital for many years. She also owned and operated two restaurants in the Fresno area. Mrs. Strassner, unwilling to turn her back on anyone, opened her home to become a full-time caregiver to mentally challenged adults. Her hard work and dedication

was very rewarding, though not in a monetary sense. She became one of the first African Americans to open a residential licensed home in West Fresno for the Central Valley Region and State of California, where she could assist numerous Valley residents.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Rosteen Strassner on the very special occasion of her 100th birthday. The community has been greatly served by this outstanding woman. I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking Mrs. Strassner for her contributions to the community and wishing her many more prosperous years.

RACE RELATIONS IN NORTHEAST OHIO

HON. TOM SAWYER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, in 1993, The Akron Beacon Journal in Akron, Ohio published "A Question of Color," a year-long Pulitzer Prize winning series on race relations in Northeast Ohio. As part of the series, The Akron Beacon Journal called on local organizations to join together to discuss ways to improve race relations in the community. This effort became known as the Coming Together Project.

Nine years later, the Coming Together Project has grown tremendously. What began as a local effort to address growing disparities between blacks and whites in the areas of housing, income, and educational opportunities, has expanded into a national effort to promote diversity, racial harmony, and cultural awareness. The Coming Together Project established programs that provide people with the opportunity to discuss issues that have historically divided them. Through educational workshops and seminars, the Coming Together Project promotes dialogue and helps foster community-building relationships.

On Wednesday, April 17, 2002, the Coming Together Project will hold its inaugural Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon in honor of the organization's founders, community volunteers, and supporting groups. The Coming Together Project and its 250 participating member groups and corporations deserve recognition for their dedicated work to improving communities across the country through diversity programs.

RECOGNIZING THE HOUSTON MINORITY BUSINESS COUNCIL'S EXPO 2002

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Houston Minority Business Council's EXPO 2002. EXPO 2002, Texas' largest minority business development trade fair, assists major corporations, government agencies and educational institutions in identifying proven minority suppliers capable of satisfying product and service needs. This year's business forum will be held on Wednesday,

September 5, 2002, at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Dr. John Mendelsohn, president of the University of Texas' M.D. Anderson Cancer Center will serve as this year's General Chair.

For many years, major corporations have used EXPO as a tool to disseminate information on how to do business with their companies. Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) utilize EXPO as an easy and cost-effective means of accessing key purchasing personnel and decisionmakers at major corporations. EXPO allows MBEs to gain valuable insights into both the local and national strategies of major corporations. Nearly 1,000 minority-owned businesses and more than 200 corporations and government agencies are expected to attend. EXPO prides itself in its ability to spur the development of minority businesses by bringing together minority businesses and corporate executives. Last year, as a result of contacts established at EXPO, MBEs made an average of 23 sales calls from which 44 percent reported immediate results. On average, at least two-thirds of the participants reported the establishment of new business relationships that totaled as high as \$2 million within 8 months of the event.

Mr. Speaker, the Houston Minority Business Council serves the important function of incorporating minority businesses in local and national commerce. Regardless of the size of the company, EXPO has something to offer a minority business owner, major corporation, government agency, educational or financial institution, or business resource organization. I applaud the efforts of the Houston Minority Business Council and look forward to another successful event.

HONORING CHARLES M. WALLIN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles M. Wallin for receiving the 2002 Hall of Fame Award from the Sanger District Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Wallin has been playing a huge role in the Sanger community nearly his entire life.

Charles Wallin attended elementary school and high school in Sanger. He graduated from Fresno State, and the College of Mortuary Science in Los Angeles. Upon his return to Sanger, Charles went into business with his father at Wallin & Son Funeral Home which he eventually purchased from his father and renamed Wallin's Sanger Funeral Home.

Mr. Wallin is a very active member of the Sanger community. He was a member of the board of directors for the Sanger Chamber of Commerce and was the District Secretary for Rotary District 5230. Charles Wallin has been a member of the Rotary Club of Sanger since 1964, and is currently a member of the Sanger Masonic Lodge No. 316. Charles is an avid supporter of the Tom Flores Youth Foundation, and also promotes numerous programs at Sanger High School. Mr. Wallin is a member of the California Funeral Director's Association. He has been married to Marilyn L. Wallin for 37 years, and the happy couple was blessed with three sons, Mark, Christopher, and Brian.