

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today in support of House Resolution 335, honoring the commitment of our Nation's Catholic Schools to excellence. Catholic schools continue to enrich the lives of our children by providing excellent education as well as spiritual enrichment.

The numbers speak for themselves. Catholic schools boast a 95 percent graduation rate, with 83 percent of students continuing on to higher education. But the Catholic school experience fosters more than just scholastic excellence. Catholic schools provide spiritual guidance to students, instilling in them fundamental values that are crucial to the overall development of these students. Catholic schoolchildren gain an appreciation of the importance of family values, community service, and faith in their lives. This, in turn, shapes Catholic school students into leaders of tomorrow.

I am proud of the Catholic schools in my district that continue to establish such high standards—Saint John LaLande in Blue Springs, Bishop Hogan Memorial in Chillicothe, Saint Andrew the Apostle in Gladstone, Saint Patrick and Saint Therese in Kansas City; Saint James in Liberty, Saint Gregory Barbarigo in Maryville, Saint Charles Borromeo in Oakview, Bishop LeBlond High School, Co-Cathedral, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint James and Saint Patrick in Saint Joseph.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the contributions of our Catholic schools and look forward to their continued achievement.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE SIXTIETH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE CIVIL AIR PA- TROL

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2002

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a House Concurrent Resolution honoring the Civil Air Patrol for sixty years of service to the nation.

Founded on December 1, 1941, the Civil Air Patrol was originally charged with mobilizing civilian pilots in domestic defense and rescue missions under the Office of Civilian Defense during World War II. CAP pilots would serve with distinction logging over 500,000 hours of flying time, sinking two German U-boats, and performing hundreds of search and rescue missions.

With the end of hostilities, CAP's responsibilities only grew. On July 1, 1946, President Harry Truman signed Public Law 476, incorporating CAP as a benevolent, nonprofit organization. And on May 26, 1948, Congress passed Public Law 557 which permanently established CAP as the Auxiliary of the newly created U.S. Air Force. For the next fifty-four years CAP would mobilize its resources to fulfill its Congressionally mandated mission of providing aerospace education, cadet programs and emergency services to the American public.

The CAP cadet program has trained over 750,000 youth in leadership and life skills over the course of the past sixty years. During that same period, CAP pilots have flown over one million hours on search and rescue missions, saving several thousand lives. In 1951, CAP initiated its aerospace education program which has since trained over 300,000 teachers in math and science, as they relate to aviation. These teachers have, in turn, taught over 18 million students.

I humbly urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Civil Air Patrol on this, their sixtieth anniversary.

HONORING NURSE EXECUTIVE LORNA BONYHADI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lorna Bonyhadi on the occasion of her retirement as Nurse Executive for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Ms. Bonyhadi has served veterans for the past 38 years and has been an advocate for both patients and nurses.

Ms. Bonyhadi completed her bachelor's degree at Ohio State University in Columbus and graduated Summa Cum Laude. She received her master's degree from California State University in Fresno with distinction.

Ms. Bonyhadi's career working in VA hospitals has taken her all across the country. The majority of her career however, has been spent in Fresno. From 1967–1973 she served in the VA Medical Center in 1990 as the Associate Chief of Nursing Service for the Ambulatory and Critical Care units. Since 1997, Ms. Bonyhadi has been the Nurse Executive of the VA Central California Health Care System. Outside Fresno, Ms. Bonyhadi served as Head Nurse, Clinical Coordinator, Clinical Specialist, Educational Coordinator, and other positions in a variety of VA Medical centers in Ohio, San Francisco, Minnesota, Georgia, and Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Bonyhadi on her retirement and thank her for her tireless service to our nation's veterans. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Bonyhadi for a job well done and wishing her many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO GERALD W. ADAMS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate and pay tribute to Jerry Adams, who recently retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers where he served as Executive Officer of the Kansas City District. He has distinguished himself, the Corps and our nation with dedicated service.

Mr. Adams began his career with the Corps in 1966 in the drafting section, where he worked with draftsmen and mathematicians on channel stabilization projects. Soon he became leader of this group. In 1975, Mr. Adams served as supervisor and project manager of the Corps' part in the celebration of the nation's bicentennial. In this role, Mr. Adams directed the operation and manning of the *Sergeant Floyd* and two mobile displays. The *Sergeant Floyd*, a 1932 channel reconnaissance boat, was converted into a floating museum telling the 200-year history of the Corps. Its 13-man crew traveled more than 20,000 miles over 18 months. The *Floyd's* multimedia theater was duplicated in two mobile displays that traveled America for 14 months, visiting many of the country's landmarks. Under Mr. Adams' leadership, the Corps won the Silver Anvil Award from the Public Relations Society for the bicentennial effort.

Following the bicentennial project, Mr. Adams was appointed chief of the District's Emergency Management section. During his 12 year tenure, the one-person office became a stand-alone division with six full-time employees. Mr. Adams office was regarded as the premier emergency management office in the Corps. Mr. Adams established associations with the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army which brought great credit upon the Corps and the District.

In 1989 Mr. Adams assumed duties as the Executive Officer. In this position Mr. Adams was an active member of the senior staff and participated in numerous organization and events. He helped to organize employees' donations to the combined federal campaign. Mr. Adams was also involved in supporting the creation of Day of Caring, today a nation wide volunteering event. Mr. Adams is a member of the Society of Government Meeting Planners, having served as president, the Mid-America Regional Council, chairing the Emergency Preparedness Committee, and is active in the Boy Scouts. He is the holder of the Bronze deFleury Medal and numerous other awards from local commanders, community leaders and members of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, Jerry Adams has dedicated over 35 years to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As he prepares for this next stage in his life, I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing Jerry all the best.

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