

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LAO-HMONG PEOPLE FOR THEIR LOYALTY AND FRIENDSHIP

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Lao-Hmong American Coalition to thank my colleagues in both the House and Senate for their unanimous vote in favor of a National Lao-Hmong Recognition Day. Mr. Yang Chee, president of the Lao-Hmong American Coalition, has asked me to relay his own deep gratitude to the United States Congress for passing this historic proclamation.

During the Vietnam War, the Lao-Hmong people were one of this country's most loyal allies. They fought alongside U.S. soldiers against the communists and the North Vietnamese, sacrificing their lives for freedom and democracy. Many of these brave people now call the United States their home, becoming an integral part of American society. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Chee and all of the Lao-Hmong people for their dedication to this country and its ideals.

Mr. Speaker, the resolution proclaiming National Lao-Hmong Recognition Day was passed unanimously through both houses of Congress. Once again, I thank my colleagues for their support, and it is my hope that President Bush will join us in expressing the gratitude of this nation to the Lao-Hmong people.

This long-overdue day of recognition will take place in July. May it promote a sense of understanding and appreciation for the sacrifices made in the name of freedom and democracy. I urge all Americans to take a moment on this day to thank our brave and loyal friends, the Lao-Hmong.

RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF HMSHOST OF BETHESDA, MARYLAND

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the expansion of HMSHost in Bethesda, Maryland, and to commemorate its commitment to the State of Maryland. This 100-year-old company is the fifth largest company by revenues in Montgomery County, Maryland, and it is greatly expanding its operations in the County.

HMSHost's presence in Maryland remains strong despite the travel slowdown resulting from events related to September 11th. Operating in 74 airports worldwide, HMSHost is the world's largest food, beverage, and retail concessions provider to the travel industry with revenues of \$1.6 billion and a total of 26,000

employees. The company serves 350 million customers a year and is top ranked by the International Air Transportation Association for concessions programs.

The success of HMSHost is due to the hard work of its associates, the leadership of John J. McCarthy, and the outstanding service that the company provides to travelers throughout the world. In its operations at Baltimore-Washington International Airport and Maryland Turnpike travel plazas, the company has delivered quality food, beverages, and merchandise to more than one hundred and fifty million travelers.

Our state is well served by the presence of HMSHost.

H.R. 4737

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 4737 in its current form. The bill the proponents have brought to the floor today is totally inadequate in regard to family child care. H.R. 4737 puts families in an entirely untenable position between their desire and need to work, on the one hand, and their need for quality child care during their working hours, on the other hand. In addition, the bill places very costly, unfunded mandates on the states.

Currently, an estimated 15 million children in America who are eligible for child care assistance lack coverage because states do not have the financial resources. Many states are facing budget deficits arising from the recession of 2001–2002. In my home state of Connecticut, for example, the government is already experiencing a deficit in excess of \$500 million dollars, and, accordingly, child care assistance for low-income families who have been off welfare for 2 or more years has already been frozen. Even worse, as of June 1, Connecticut will no longer be able to provide child care assistance to families just leaving welfare. Regardless of income, they will not receive any child care assistance at all.

The unfunded mandates created in this bill add to the states' child care burden without providing the resources required to meet this critical need. Indeed, the child care funding in H.R. 4737 is barely enough to keep up with inflation, never mind provide for the roughly 35 percent increase in work hours called for in this bill.

CBO estimates that the unfunded mandates in this bill will require states to spend an additional \$11 billion dollars over the next 5 years. Of that \$3.8 billion dollars is mandated for child care—four times more than the proponents are willing to provide. Connecticut's share will be \$66.5 million over 5 years, substantially adding to Connecticut's deficit.

The bill's proponents may say that they support child care, but their rhetoric is meaning-

less when they don't provide the necessary resources.

Without providing more money for child care, this bill will:

Keep families and states from meeting the new welfare requirements.

Keep children from reaching school ready to learn.

Keep families from getting and keeping jobs.

Keep increasing state deficits and financial problems.

And, most regrettably, keep families from getting off and staying off welfare—defeating the very purpose of this legislation.

Work is critically important, and I support strengthening the welfare work requirements, just as I supported the original passage of welfare reform in 1996. That's not the issue. The issue is: more work requires more child care. All working parents know that you can't keep a job without also having child care. Yet that's what the proponents of this bill ask families, and our states, to do.

My motion to recommit would help more working families afford quality child care, so that parents can be employed and their children can learn. Specifically, this motion to recommit adds an additional \$11 billion over 5 years to meet the unfunded mandates of this bill. This will allow states to provide child care for the approximately 80 percent of eligible families who are currently on waiting lists, and it will allow states to provide child care for the families who will be moving to work or expanding their work hours under this legislation.

I support strengthening work requirements, but we must provide families with appropriate child care resources to allow parents to increase their time at work without leaving a child home alone.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this motion to recommit, so that the bill can be returned to us containing the child care funding it, our families, and our states, so clearly need.

HONORING DR. ELLEN CAMPBELL FOR A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, It gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the Marymount College family in congratulating Dr. Ellen Campbell as she is honored with their Lifetime Achievement Award. An outstanding educator, dedicated colleague, and dear friend, this award is a reflection of her many contributions both professionally and personally.

This year marks her fiftieth reunion year as an alumna and you will find many who remember Dr. Campbell in at least one of the many roles she assumed at Marymount. Whether at the Tarrytown campus or in London with the Study Abroad program, Dr.

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Campbell touched the lives of thousands of Marymount students. An alumna myself, I have many fond memories of Dr. Campbell when I was studying in London. An educator and administrator, Dr. Campbell willingly dedicated her time and energy to ensure that her students obtained the knowledge and skills they needed to succeed in their adult lives.

A professor of English, Academic Dean and Coordinator of the London Study Abroad program, Dr. Campbell was the driving force behind many of Marymount's successful programs. In England, she dedicated much of her time to establishing the college's connections with the University of London and developing the drama program in cooperation with the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. Upon her return to the States, she involved herself with the programs for working adults, quickly becoming a strong and vocal advocate for their causes.

After leaving Marymount, Dr. Campbell assumed a position with Woodbury University in Burbank, California. Realizing that adults wanting to return to college needed some flexibility, her time in California was spent coordinating and establishing Weekend Colleges at Woodbury University and Mount Saint Mary's College. Her efforts, in New York and California have allowed thousands of working adults to obtain degrees in higher education.

Even retirement has not stopped Dr. Campbell's seemingly tireless energy. She has continued as a consultant for Woodbury University, has been active in arranging study/travel programs for schools and colleges, and frequently teaches short courses in the Weekend College at Mount St. Mary's College. An active member of the Beaumont Public Library, she used her background in education to the community's benefit by establishing a literacy program. She is a tremendous asset to her community and for those of us who have known her—whether professionally or personally—we consider ourselves fortunate indeed.

I am deeply honored to rise today and join the friends, alumni, faculty and administration of Marymount College in extending my sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr. Ellen Campbell for her unparalleled commitment and dedication—past, present and future—as she is awarded this year's Lifetime Achievement Award. What an indelible mark she has left on us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF TOP STUDENT HISTORIANS

HON. MARK UDALL

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Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding history program in Colorado and throughout the United States. National History Day is a year-long nonprofit program through which students in grades 6–12 research and create historical projects related to a broad theme, culminating in an annual contest. This year's National History Day theme, "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History," encompasses endless possibilities for exploration. Each year more than 700,000 students participate in this nationwide event that encourages students to delve into various facets of world, national, regional, or

local history and to produce original research projects.

By encouraging young Coloradans to take advantage of the wealth of primary historical resources available to them, students are able to gain a richer understanding of historical issues, ideas, people and events. Students in this program learn how to analyze a variety of primary sources such as photographs, letters, posters, maps, artifacts, sound recordings and motion pictures. This significant academic exercise encourages intellectual growth while helping students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills that will help them manage and use information.

I want to congratulate the outstanding accomplishments of the following students that will represent Colorado at the National History Day national contest, June 9–13 at the University of Maryland: Barbara Braglia, Darcy Evans, James Norton, Megan Fong, Emily Gu, Lili Mundle and Masha Godina.

Their respective teachers also deserve our respect today. They have proven that excellent teaching must go beyond the 8 to 3 school day. Leigh Campbell-Hale of Fairview High School and Andy Aiken of Boulder High School are fine examples of the best in the teaching profession. Their encouragement and dedication has encouraged these students to strive to excellence and be successful in their endeavors. I would also like to thank Nancy Brown, State Coordinator of Colorado History Day, for all her hard work on behalf of these students.

These impressive students represent educational excellence in America. Every student in Colorado should have the opportunity to participate in this enriching experience. I commend the coordinator of our state program and the Department of History at the University of Colorado at Boulder for their commitment to expanding History Day in Colorado. The National History Day program is truly a great asset to Colorado educators for instilling academic curiosity in our youth.

AFTER 57 YEARS, BOB BRAEGER TO RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, June 23, 2002, my friend, Robert Braeger, will finally be presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross that he was awarded, but never received, over 57 years ago.

As a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he and a group of friends were shocked when the December 7, 1941 Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears game was interrupted with news of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Bob knew at that moment that he wanted to serve and defend his country.

Enlisting in the Army Air Corps, Braeger was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to the 34th Bombardment Group in continental Europe as a navigator on the B-24 Liberator Bomber, "Bambi."

Bambi's crew of ten guided her through thirty bombing missions over enemy-occupied territory. On his thirtieth mission, Bambi's crew crashed into a French field after the plane lost

an engine. After returning to Paris with the help of French citizens, and due to their courageous and dedicated service in the European Theater, Bambi's crew was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. When he was discharged, Bob returned with a treasure chest of awards, but the DFC was not included.

When Bob is not with his wife Deanna or his seven children, he has remained active in recognizing the achievements and actions of area veterans since his days in the Army Air Corps. A co-chair of the Wisconsin Veterans War Memorial/Milwaukee, he led the fundraising campaign to refurbish the memorial for veterans and their families.

The 7,875 homeless veterans in Wisconsin have also found a friend in Bob Braeger. He has been involved with the National Coalition of Homeless Veterans, an organization that works to end homelessness among veterans by shaping public policy, educating the public, and building the capacity of service providers.

During his service, Braeger developed a deep sense of appreciation for the contributions of minority soldiers. He now volunteers his time to recognize these distinguished men and women by working with the National Association of Black Veterans.

Over half of a century later, it is a pleasure to see this patriotic citizen receive the long overdue, and thoroughly deserved, Distinguished Flying Cross. Congratulations, Bob Braeger!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 212, H.R. 4664, final passage, had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

DEMOCRATIC SUBSTITUTE ON H.R. 4737

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Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 4737 in its current form.

The Republican bill provides strong work requirements, which I support. However, the bill is fatally flawed as it abandons families' needs to take care of their primary responsibility—their children. As I said during the debate on my related motion to recommit, this bill also imposes an unfair, unfunded mandate on the states—at a time when many of our states, including Connecticut, are experiencing significant budget deficits. Due to the lack of child care resources in the underlying bill, and the financial burden imposed on our states, I am unable to vote in favor of the work requirements I prefer.

The Democratic Substitute would have provided the appropriate child care resources to allow parents to work full time. It is critically important that children are taken care of while their parents are at work. It is equally important, however, for parents to achieve full time