

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING HEATHER HETTINGER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Heather Hettinger has devoted herself to serving others through her membership in the Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, Heather Hettinger has shared her time and talent with the community in which she resides; and

Whereas, Heather Hettinger has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Heather Hettinger must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award;

Therefore, I join with the Girl Scouts, the residents of Chillicothe and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Heather Hettinger as she receives the Girl Scout Gold Award.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY JOHNSON

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, Larry Johnson, President of the North Carolina Credit Union League and Credit Union Service Corporation, and I have been friends for many, many years and have endured numerous legislative struggles and debates through those years. As Larry prepares to retire at the end of this year, I want to take this opportunity to thank him for the tremendous contributions he has made to this industry and to tell him that he will be missed by many of us whose lives he has impacted over the decades.

Larry began his credit union career in December 1967 and has been an asset to credit unions in North Carolina and across the country for years due to his excellent people skills and his ability to effectively promote the priorities of credit unions and their members. He is sincere in his effort to ensure that credit unions prosper so that those who may encounter difficulty finding help elsewhere will not be without resources. As President of the League, Larry has been very active in state, regional and national activities and has served his members with honor and dignity throughout his tenure.

In keeping with the local community tradition that has become a trademark of the credit union industry, Larry has used his position and influence within the organization to positively impact a number of important charities across North Carolina. He actively promotes credit union participation in the League's social responsibility activities such as support of the

Duke Medical Center's Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Research Laboratory, the Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina project, and his current effort to raise support for the Victory Junction Gang Camp, a camp for children with life threatening illnesses.

Larry, we thank you for the contributions that you have made in our communities and across the state of North Carolina. This legacy will be an ever-present reminder of your hard work and dedication. Cheers to you, my friend, and best of luck in your future endeavors.

HONORING HELEN WINTER AS THE MASON DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS' CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Helen Winter as the Mason District Council of Civic Associations' Citizen of the Year.

Although Ms. Winter can boast many civic contributions, the most dramatic impact she has had on her community is her involvement with her local Adopt-a-Highway campaign. Since 1985 Ms. Winter has supervised the cleanup of Little River Turnpike, the area between Hummer Road and Braddock Road. This stretch is located between Fairfax City on the west and the City of Alexandria on the east; it is an unincorporated area and as such the Little River Turnpike would likely be cluttered with litter without the careful watch of Ms. Winter.

In addition to the Turnpike, Ms. Winter spearheads the adoption of two other stretches of highway: Braddock Road between Little River Turnpike and Backlick; and John Marr Drive, between Backlick and the Columbia Pike.

Ms. Winter has innovatively incorporated the Sheriff's Weekender Work Program into her efforts. She uses citizens who have been sentenced to serve community service in lieu of fines or jail time to work on her clean-up teams.

In addition to her important work in the Adopt-a-Highway program, Ms. Winter is a former president of the Clean Fairfax Council. The council has enjoyed Ms. Winter's membership for the last 18 years. She heads the Annandale Cleanup Day for the Council.

Ms. Winter is also a member of the Annandale Central Business District Planning Committee, and Chairwoman of the Beautification & Business Recognition Committee. While in these positions she has been responsible for the recognition awards to businesses that improved the appearance of the city of Annandale. Such improvements include: attractive street lamps, metal benches, trash receptacles, bus shelters, brick sidewalks, trees, flowers and shrubbery.

Furthermore, Ms. Winter is a member of the Annandale Woman's Club and the Virginia State Women's Golf Association. She is also active in the Pinecrest Women's Golf Association, where she served two terms as president from 1999–2001.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it is with great pleasure that I extend this recognition to Ms. Helen Winters. She is a well-respected and much endeared member of her community. Her contributions to the city of Annandale, Fairfax city and the State of Virginia abound. I am very pleased to honor and congratulate Ms. Winter on her many years of service and involvement. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding her for all that she has done.

MULBERRY MEMORIAL AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, UNIT 72

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw my Colleagues to the attention of the following articles on the Mulberry Memorial American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 72, in Mulberry, Florida from my district.

Unit 72 is very active within the community of Mulberry, and I feel these articles exemplify the best of Unit 72's service and commitment. Please consider the inclusion of these articles in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

MULBERRY, FLORIDA'S SCHOOLS BENEFIT
(Submitted by Donna Righi, Unit 72
President and Education Chairman)

Mulberry Memorial American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 72, Department of Florida works closely with the schools in Mulberry, Florida and are kept aware of the needs of their students. In February 2003, Unit 72 donated over \$120 of underwear to two of the schools in Mulberry.

School Supply drives are frequently held, and money is often donated to schools, however, Unit 72 discovered that children in need often do not have underwear to wear. You aren't able to give away your used underwear, so needy families often do not receive this necessity. The schools were contacted in regards to sizes, and Unit 72 bought them for the schools to distribute to those in real need. Items that were distributed were: Socks, underpants, jockey shorts, and even bras. The schools really appreciated this. They never seem to have enough of these items for occasional accidents that occur, not to mention the students that can't afford these necessities.

On Wednesday evening, September 11, 2002, The Mulberry American Legion Auxiliary Unit #72, joined with the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 72 and conducted a service in observance of the events of September 11, 2001.

We had distributed bags to two local schools, Kingsford Elementary and R. Bruce Wagner Elementary, for the children to decorate for luminaries. These children did a magnificent job on over three hundred bags.

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Legion Post 72 Commander, Jerry M. Mitchell, opened our ceremony with a brief welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance. Legion Chaplain Dennis Farmer gave an invocation and then turned the ceremony over to Martha Bosley, Auxiliary Vice President who gave a short speech in remembrance of the victims and heroes of that fateful day. Auxiliary Unit 72 member, Jan Feldman closed our service with the singing of "God Bless America".

The more than fifty participants then took their American flags to the side of Route 37 to wave in a show of patriotism and were greeted by passing motorists who waved back. Later the members lighted all the luminaries the students had provided and placed them by the side of Route 37 as dusk fell. Again the passing motorists signaled their approval and appreciation by blinking their lights and honking their horns.

MULBERRY POLICE, FIRE/RESCUE, CITY
HONORED FOR SERVICE BY LEGION FAMILY
CHIEF DAVE HAMLIN POLICE OFFICER OF YEAR,
MIKE TEAM IS FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Prime rib dinner all of the trimmings was served to a large turnout Tuesday evening in the Mulberry Memorial American Legion Post Home.

This was an annual Mulberry Police and Fire/Rescue salute and awards dinner given by the local American Legion Post in cooperation with the Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion.

The hall was filled with Mulberry Police and Fire/Rescue personnel and guests, a number of City officials, Legion family members and guests.

The annual Mulberry Police Officer of the Year award was given to Chief Dave Hamlin. Alan P. Hall, long-time Legionaire officer who has served five times as Post Commander, and as Department of Florida Commander, noted Chief Hamlin has been with the Mulberry force for many years, coming up through the ranks.

Alan P. Hall recalled some funny incidents over the years, remember growing up in Mulberry when the City had just one police car with one red light on it. He remembered the old Mulberry police station and when Dave Hamlin first came on the Mulberry force.

Chief Hamlin noted Mulberry is starting to grow, and quickly, and the City of Mulberry is working to be prepared with services for the growth and to serve present Mulberry needs. Last year's award went to Police Lt. Randy Tagliarini.

Mike Team, likewise, was named Mulberry Firefighter of the Year. He and other Mulberry Fire/Rescue and Police employees were thanked for what they do. Last year's winner of the award was Fire Chief Mitch Carmack.

Alan P. Hall noted these public servants work around the clock in Mulberry, working evenings, nights, weekends and holidays to help keep the City safe.

He said life is short and we need to respect each other and the job each other has to do.

Among Legion family officers helping thank Mulberry Police and Fire and City officials were present Commander of the Legion, Jerry Mitchell, Barbara Caruthers, Legion Auxiliary Chaplain, John Jennings of the Mulberry SAL, and Frank Pierce sang patriotic music to add to the occasion.

Among City officials in attendance recognized were ex-Mayor Sam and Lou Eva McLaughlin, City Manager Patricia Jackson, Commissioner Jerry and Judy Woods; Commissioner Jim and Flo Splaine and Commissioner Julian and Felicia Mullis.

SHERIFF CROW WAS FEATURED SPEAKER

Main dinner speaker was Polk County Sheriff Lawrence Crow Jr. who spoke about how "everything changed" in law enforcement and in this country on September 11.

He noted new measures being taken locally, including machine guns that will soon be in hundreds of area patrol cars.

Sheriff Crow talked about two helicopter duty deputies who died in the crash of their Polk County Sheriff's helicopter just after 9-11 on Oct 22, 2001. They hit a fog patch and the chopper crashed when infrared night vision must have led to a misperception of the craft's altitude.

The Sheriff noted Polk County is part of a nine-county group dealing with terrorism. The Sheriff's job is risk assessment.

He noted this phosphate area, the port of Tampa, the nuclear power plant near Crystal River and other points are targets in this part of Florida. He noted fertilizer elements may be used as explosives and this is a local concern with terrorism.

Sheriff Crow said there is a very real threat, in his opinion, if we go to war against Iraq we will have a backlash here against the United States.

In closing Alan P. Hall noted Mulberry Police and Fire/Rescue personnel should be respected and thanked, noting they deal firsthand with some things many people don't want to even see.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JENNY ELLIS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker,

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TRIBUTE TO NORTHWEST GUILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, Northwest Guilford High School has a reputation throughout North Carolina as an excellent academic institution. As the winner of North Carolina's "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition, Northwest Guilford has once again proven itself as a first-rate academic institution. Upon winning the North Carolina competition, a group of Northwest students instructed by Mr. Ray Parrish went on to compete at the national competition held in Washington, DC. The "We the People" program provides a forum in which high school students are tested and challenged on their

knowledge of the United States Constitution. The Northwest team demonstrated an outstanding comprehension of the issues and the fundamentals of American government and represented the Sixth District with courage and pride.

Congratulations to Mr. Parrish, Michael Bowles, Blair Brooks, Lauren Campbell, Marnie Cheshire, Jenny Cimaglia, Josh Clark, Kelly Crocken, Melati Crook, Nadia Eksir, Ricky Elmore, Kristin Forrest, Ken Gangong, Elias Hage, Shelly Hanks, Martha Heise, Haley Hoffman, David Holst, Taylor Johnson, Adam Kincaid, Heidi Kunkle, Carson Leach, Leigh Anna Pittman, Matt Rothkopf, Andrew Shoffner, Naresh Sundaresan, Anne Marie Wittmann, John Yeago, and Eliana Ziri. We would also like to thank State Coordinator Carleen Wray and District Coordinator Barbie Creech for their tireless efforts in supporting such a valuable program.

The Sixth District would like to extend its congratulations to Principal Mrs. Anne Murr, the students, faculty, and families at Northwest Guilford High School. Your hard work and dedication are admirable and set an example for all of us. Once again, congratulations and "Go Vikings".

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

Established in 1903 at the behest of Vienna Town Councilman Leon Freeman, the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department has a long and distinguished history. Councilman Freeman served as the Department's first chief and remained active in the Department until 1936. Starting with his tenure and continuing to the present, the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department has consistently set the standard for fire safety in Fairfax County, having implemented a laundry list of groundbreaking fire safety initiatives. At the time of its founding, no other volunteer fire department existed in the region, making the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department the first of its kind in Fairfax County. It also acquired the first motorized fire protection in Fairfax County: a 1919 Model T Ford truck.

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department exemplifies the success that can be achieved by volunteerism. Working together with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department career staff, volunteers provide professional emergency response capabilities to the Town of Vienna and surrounding Fairfax County. Supported primarily by citizen donations and departmental fundraising activities, the department was able to stay up-to-date by purchasing over \$500,000 worth of equipment in 2002. The volunteers attend fire and medical training courses and host public education events during Kids Safety Week and Fire Prevention Week.

In our nation's time of need on September 11, 2001, the Fairfax County career staff assigned to Vienna were deployed to the Pentagon to assist with fire and rescue operations.