

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO BETTE LUNN

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a lifelong educator from my district. Bette Lunn, of Pueblo, Colorado, has given the gift of music to students for 46 years. As Bette embarks on her retirement, I would like to recognize her career before this body of Congress and this nation.

Bette began teaching in Ohio in 1957 and moved with her husband to Pueblo in 1972. After spending 12 years as the vocal music teacher at Heaton Middle School, Bette transferred to East High School where she has taught for the last 19 years. Her ability to connect with children has inspired a number of students to become teachers and has also earned her a number of awards. Bette has been named an outstanding teacher in her district and is also a member of the Colorado Music Educators Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body today to recognize Bette Lunn, a woman who has clearly demonstrated her commitment to our nation's youth. Even though she is retiring, Bette still plans to volunteer to work with young people in her community. She possesses the spirit of giving that helped make our country great. Thank you, Bette, for many years of service to the youth of Pueblo.

### HONORING T. KEITH KING FOR A LIFETIME OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

#### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to honor a truly exemplary Alabamian, a man who grew up in the tiny town of Frisco City, Alabama, and today has become one of our most outstanding business and community leaders.

For more than 43 years, T. Keith King, P.E., of Mobile, Alabama, has dedicated his life to his community, his family and his profession. A graduate of Auburn University, he has continued to remain active and involved with his Alma Mater. Recently, Mr. King completed two years as chairman of the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council. He is a life member of the Auburn Alumni Association, having served on the Board of Directors and as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Mr. King has made many contributions to the field of engineering due in part to his position as President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Volkert & Associates in Mobile, Alabama. Climbing from a design engineer position with the firm in 1960, today Keith King leads one of the finest engineering firms in the

country. Under Mr. King's leadership, Volkert currently employs 650 engineers, architects, planners, surveyors, environmental scientists, technicians and administrative support personnel in 12 offices located throughout eight Southeastern states.

His commitment to excellence has earned him numerous awards by the engineering industry. He was recently inducted into the Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame. Some of his other professional honors include: The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) College of Fellows 2003 Community Service Award, recognition as one of the Top Ten Engineers in Alabama by the Alabama Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, induction into the Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame and receipt of the National Society of Professional Engineers Distinguished Service Award.

As a recent chairman of the Business Council of Alabama, Keith King has also done much to improve the quality of life for all Alabamians by working to bring growth, jobs and business opportunities to the state of Alabama. His commitment to Alabama and the First Congressional District in particular is nothing short of inspirational. Keith King is a member of the Leadership Alabama Class of XII and is a longtime member of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce. He has been actively involved with the Mobile Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America for many years and has held many high ranking positions within that organization. Mr. King also gives generously of his time to the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Mobile Lions Club and is a member of the USS Battleship Alabama Memorial Park Restoration Committee, to name just a few of the many other areas where he gives freely of his time and talents.

By example, Keith King has shown that unselfish dedication and service to your community, your state and your nation can truly make a difference. Mr. Speaker, I salute Keith King as a model citizen and as a leader to many in the First Congressional District. I know his lovely wife Julia and their daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren along with all of his friends and neighbors are extremely proud of the many contributions being made by this outstanding man.

### TRIBUTE TO DIONISIA AMAYA-BONILLA

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dionisia Amaya-Bonilla in recognition of her service to her local community and her native home of Honduras. Dionisia is proud of her heritage as a member of the Garinagu community, people who are descendants of West African slaves and Arawak Indians from St.

Vincent who were deported to Honduras by the British in 1797.

Dionisia was born in La Ceiba, Honduras Central America on February 8, 1933. She came to the U.S. in May 1964, and became an American citizen in 1977. In 1979, Dionisia decided to go to college, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education with high honors from Medgar Evers College. Later, she earned a Masters/Advanced Certificate in Guidance and Counseling from Brooklyn College.

Dionisia's first connection with her community was through her church, St. Mathews Catholic Church where she has served for more than 22 years. When Hurricane Fifi struck Honduras in September 1974, many Garinagu, like Dionisia, got together to help their people back in Honduras. In 1990, after another tragedy occurred in the Garifuna community, Dionisia was there to help in anyway possible. This time it was the Happy Land Fire. Her organization, Mugama, which was started a year earlier, named a scholarship fund in honor of a promising young Garifuna who died in the fire.

Dionisia worked for the Board of Education for 16 years. She began as a paraprofessional, and would later go on to teach following the completion of her education. Ultimately, she became a school guidance counselor, a position she continued until her retirement in 1996.

Dionisia's biggest role in the community is being the coordinator of Mugama's education program. Her importance to the community is reflected by how the residents refer to her, with comments like: Mamma, Madre, and Abuelita. Recently, people have taken to call her the "glue" of the community.

Dionisia has received many honors in her life as a student, woman and community activist. During her college years, she was consistently on the Dean's List, and as a result, she was listed in the national Book of Excellent students. One of her greatest honors was meeting Isabel Arriola. Ms. Arriola is a Garifuna who survived Hurricane Mitch.

The ultimate honor for her is being able to serve her community by working with Mugama. She says that the Mugama Advocacy Center is a dream come true. Being there daily and helping to empower people provides Dionisia with all of the satisfaction she needs. Dionisia has been married to her husband Alejandro Bonilla for 14 years.

Mr. Speaker, Dionisia Amaya-Bonilla is committed to improving the lives of her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

### IN HONOR OF WILLIAM D. MASON

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Cuyahoga County

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Prosecutor William D. Mason as he is being honored by the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party on May 18, 2003.

Mr. Mason graduated from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1986. Shortly thereafter, he began working with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office as an assistant prosecutor. In 1993, Mr. Mason was elected to hold the office of Law Director and Chief Prosecutor for the City of Parma. During his six-year tenure as Law Director, Mr. Mason maintained and implemented high standards within all areas of Parma's legal department—from working with County agencies to prosecute criminals, to saving the City thousands of dollars in the reduction of legal fees.

Since January of 1999, Mr. Mason has held the elected position of Chief Prosecuting Attorney for Cuyahoga County—the twentieth largest county in the United States, and the largest county in Ohio. In this capacity, Mr. Mason and his staff are responsible for the indictment and prosecution of more than 25,000 criminal felony and juvenile delinquency cases every year. Additionally, Mr. Mason is the Chairman of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The Task Force is a team effort, comprised of local, state and federal authorities whose focus and goal is the apprehension and prosecution of Internet child molesters. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Mason continues his significant service to his community as coach, mentor and volunteer.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of Mr. William D. Mason, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, as we recognize his significant expertise, dedication and contribution—all focused on the safety and welfare of every citizen within our entire community.

#### WATCHMAN, WHAT OF NIGHT?

### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2003*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, last month leaders and citizens from throughout America gathered in the Capitol Rotunda to commemorate the Days of Remembrance. The ceremony had many powerful moments, but none more moving than the remarks of my good friend Dr. Elie Wiesel, the Founding Chair of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council and one of the world's foremost champions for human rights and civil liberties.

A native of Romania, Elie Wiesel was fifteen when he and his family were deported to Auschwitz. His mother and younger sister perished, but he survived with the conviction that the international community must never forget the lessons of the Holocaust. During the past fifty years, as both an author and a teacher, Dr. Wiesel has devoted his life to this end.

However, to classify Elie Wiesel's legacy as one of remembrance takes into account only a small portion of his impact on society. He has spoken out not only against anti-Jewish atrocities, but also on behalf of victims from every corner of the globe, from Argentina's Desaparecidos to refugees of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge regime. When Dr. Wiesel was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, his speech clearly elucidated the link between the Holocaust and all other human rights abuses:

Human suffering anywhere concerns men and women everywhere. . . . As long as one

dissident is in prison, our freedom will not be true. As long as one child is hungry, our life will be filled with anguish and shame. What all these victims need above all is to know that they are not alone; that we are not forgetting them, that when their voices are stifled we shall lend them ours, that while their freedom depends on ours, the quality of our freedom depends on theirs.

Mr. Speaker, on April 30 we were once again privileged to learn from this extraordinary man. Dr. Wiesel used his remarks to remind us that horrific memories of the Holocaust do not constitute a social end in and of themselves; rather, they must be used to ameliorate suffering in today's world and in that of tomorrow. "If we want to remember," he said, "if we want you to remember all those emaciated faces, all those burning eyes, all those muted prayers, it is not only for our sake but also for your children's and theirs. . . . Is memory the only answer to the tragedy itself? But whatever the answer, memory is its most indispensable element."

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to enter the full text of Elie Wiesel's remarks into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE REMARKS

ELIE WIESEL, FOUNDING CHAIR UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL, APRIL 30, 2003—THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

From Isaiah, chapter 21: Shomer, ma milail? Watchman, what of the night? This ancient call of the prophet of chastisement and consolation reverberates in our memory today as we remember the men and women, young and old, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, secular and pious, dreamers of sacred blessings and seekers of hidden redemption, who were sentenced to suffer unparalleled agony and solitude in ghettos and death-camps not for what they have done or possessed or believed in but for what they were, sons and daughters of a people whose memory of persecution was the oldest in recorded history.

All the rivers run to the sea, days come and go, generations vanish, others are born, remembrance ceremonies follow one another—and hatred is still alive, and some of us, the remnant of the remnant, wonder with the poet Paul Celan: who will bear witness for the witness, who will remember what some of us tried to relate about a time of fear and darkness when so many, too many victims felt abandoned, forgotten, unworthy of compassion and solidarity? Who will answer questions whose answers the dead took with them? Who will feel qualified enough and strong enough, faithful enough to confront their fiery legacy?

What was and remains clear to some of us, here and elsewhere, is the knowledge that if we forget them, we too shall be forgotten.

But is remembrance enough? What does one do with the memory of agony and suffering? Memory has its own language, its own texture, its own secret melody, its own archeology and its own limitations: it too can be wounded, stolen and shamed; but it is up to us to rescue it and save it from becoming cheap, banal, and sterile.

Like suffering, like love, memory does not confer special privileges. It all depends on what one does with what we receive, for what purpose, in the name of what ideal. If we invoke our right, our obligation to remember a frightened child who, in a ghetto, was assassinated before the eyes of his mother, an old teacher beaten to death in the presence of his disciples, a nocturnal procession walking towards open pits already filled with corpses, a beautiful woman driven insane with grief before being knifed by the killer—if we want

to remember, if we want you to remember all those emaciated faces, all those burning eyes, all those muted prayers, it is not only for our sake but also for your children's and theirs.

If it weren't for their memory, much of what has been undertaken and even accomplished would be without relevance—and worse: without meaning.

To remember means to lend an ethical dimension to all endeavors and aspirations. When you, my good friend Secretary Powell, search deep into your heart, you find that most of your diplomatic initiatives and military responses have been rooted in your faith in the mysterious power of History of which memory is made. Isn't that principle the one that keeps on governing all our lives? Wasn't 1938 the main factor in your recent decision-making regarding Iraq? In those years there were two great powers in Europe: France and Great Britain. Had they intervened instead of preaching appeasement, there would have been no world war, no Auschwitz.

Watchman, what of the night?

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An ancient Talmudic legend tells us that when the soul leaves the body to return to heaven, it cries out in great pain; and the outcry is so powerful that it reverberates throughout creation. What about the outcry of six million souls?

Well, among the victims who were killed there was a 12-year-old girl, Yunita Vishniatzky, from a small village named Byten near Slutsk. This is her last letter, dated July 31, 1942: . . . "Dear Father, I say good-bye to you before dying . . . We want very much to live . . . But they won't let us—that's how it goes . . . I am so afraid of dying: small children are thrown into the grave alive . . . I say good-bye to you forever . . . And give you a big kiss . . . Your Yunita . . ."

Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? And the watchman says: the morning comes, and also the night . . .

So—we remember all the children whose lives bothered the enemy so much he felt the irresistible urge to wipe them out. We remember Yunita Vishniatzky . . .

When her soul left her frail body, was her cry heard by anyone, anywhere?

#### ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH BEING NAMED A 2003 ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD FINALIST

### HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2003*

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Deerfield Beach, Florida for their selection as 2003 All-America City Award Finalist. It is my pleasure to congratulate the mayor, the city commission, and the citizens of Deerfield Beach as they are recognized by our nation with consideration for the oldest and most respected community recognition award in the nation. I applaud the residents of Deerfield Beach for their strong civic pride and their dedication to their community.

Mr. Speaker, located in Florida's 22nd Congressional District, the city of Deerfield Beach has previously been recognized as America's First Project Impact Community and as a four-time National Blue Wave award-winner, as well as an All-America City finalist in 2001.