

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
REVEREND DOUGLAS L. SIDEN

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Douglas L. Siden for his outstanding leadership in the San Francisco Bay Area community. Doug Siden has been an ordained American Baptist Minister for 48 years. On July 28, 2003, a reception will be held to honor him on the occasion of receiving a Doctor of Humane Letters from the American Baptist Seminary of the West and to recognize his many years of community service.

Doug Siden, a resident of Alameda, CA, has always been committed to social justice, the environment and to youth. As a young minister in the 1960s, he first demonstrated his leadership abilities by advocating for the establishment of parks in his community. He developed an inter-racial church that supported fair housing and the integration of the community. He marched with Cesar Chavez to support farm workers' rights and marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. during the civil rights movement. Several times, Doug went to Washington, DC, to advocate for civil rights legislation as the representative of the inter-faith San Francisco Conference on Religion, Race and Social Concern.

Through the years, Doug has always been in the forefront of leadership. He was the first pastor of a newly created church in San Mateo, CA; first director of urban strategy for his Northern California regional church; first chairman of the San Francisco Night Ministry; first Area Minister for his denomination's churches from San Francisco to the Oregon border; and first Regional Camp Executive Director for the American Baptist Churches of the West. Doug is proud of his leadership role in the establishment of two-year round camps for children, youth, adults, and families of all ages in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the High Sierra near Lake Tahoe.

Doug is currently devoted full-time to public, community, and church service. He was elected to the East Bay Regional Park Board of Directors in 1992 and currently serves as the Board's Vice President. He is involved in leadership roles in a myriad of other organizations, including President of Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center and Chair of the Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate. Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt appointed him an Advisory Commissioner for the Point Reyes National Seashore and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Additionally, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland, the Rotary Club of Alameda, and the American Baptist National Conference.

I join the friends and colleagues of Reverend Douglas L. Siden in expressing congratulations as he receives a Doctor of Humane Letters. I also join in thanking him for

his years of service. He is the epitome of community activism from which we have all benefited.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROBERT MILLER
III

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Robert Miller III on his receipt of a Congressional Award Gold Medal on Wednesday, June 25, 2003.

At a mere 18 years of age, Robert's accomplishments are amazing. As a recipient of the Congressional Award Gold Medal, Robert has demonstrated a noteworthy commitment in several fields. Receipt of this award signifies that Robert has performed over 400 hours of community service, as well as 200 hours of both personal development and physical fitness activities over the past 2 years. This honor similarly attests to Robert's exemplary academic and extracurricular status as a student at North Penn High School.

Prestigious awards such as this one are nothing new to Robert. Previously, he has received both a bronze and a silver Congressional Award Medal. As an Eagle Scout, his involvement in the Cradle of Liberty Council Boy Scouts of America further reflects the strength of his character. Robert has shown exceptional dedication to community service, personal development and physical fitness. I firmly believe that these characteristics will lead him to unbounded success in the future.

I also wish to extend my congratulations to Robert's parents, Dorothy and Robert Miller Jr., who have instilled him with good moral standards and have supported his efforts tirelessly.

Again, I congratulate Robert Miller III on his Congressional Award Gold Medal.

LEGISLATION TO RENAME U.S.
POST OFFICE IN MOLINE, ILLINOIS

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to rename the U.S. Post Office at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois after my friend, David Bybee, who passed away unexpectedly last year.

Dave was a distinguished public servant who was the National Business Agent for the Chicago Region of the National Association of Letter Carriers. He served his community and union for 33 years within the very walls of the building I seek to name after him. It is my hope that his name will forever be identified with the institution he cherished for so many

years as a national union leader for letter carriers.

Dave Bybee became a letter carrier for the Postal Service in 1967 and after only two years on the job was elected President of Letter Carriers Local 318. He then became the Regional Administrative Assistant and concurrently the Secretary to the Illinois State Association of Letter Carriers from 1971 to 1977. In 1980, Mr. Bybee was elected the National Business Agent to the National Association of Letter Carriers for the 17,000 strong Chicago Region. He held that office and concurrently served as a Vice President of the Illinois AFL-CIO until his death on May 31, 2002.

Dave Bybee worked tirelessly on behalf of the letter carriers of Illinois and traveled thousands of miles in Illinois and across the nation representing his members. Dave was also loved by the retirees who knew they had a good friend and leader who fought for their benefits. In 1992, recognizing Dave's hard work and lifetime dedication, the local union he first represented as President twenty-three years earlier was named the David M. Bybee Branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Dave Bybee was also civically active and had many friends within the Illinois Congressional delegation and state legislature on both sides of the aisle. He served as a member of the Electoral College in two national elections.

His dedication to his fellow workers did not interfere with his devotion to his wife, Judy, and their two sons, Michael and John. In addition to a full and rewarding family life, he still found time to serve his community as the fire chief of Carbon Cliff and as a school board member, and remain active in the Moline Elks Club.

Dave had a wonderful sense of humor and no matter how tired he was from work and travel, he could always manage to make any group he was visiting or speaking to laugh and smile. When he passed away, letter carriers and postal officials from all over the state and nation traveled to Moline to pay their respects. Dave was a national labor leader who served not only his fellow workers, but his community and family.

Mr. Speaker, the Post Office in Moline, Illinois, should be named after David Bybee. The Moline community, postal workers across Illinois and the nation owe David Bybee a great deal because of his advocacy for working Americans. This is the very least we can do to commend such a dedicated and hardworking man.

TRIBUTE TO MS. LYNN COWART

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and acknowledge my Chief of Staff and friend, Ms. Lynn Cowart on the occasion of her retirement. Through the course

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of my career, working in the business world and as a public official, rarely have I been so privileged to work with such an extraordinary person that gives unselfishly and wholeheartedly to the interests and welfare of other people.

Lynn was born in Virginia to Molly and Andy Cowart and is the middle sister to Ms. Nora McCormick and Ms. Chris Cowart. Daughter of a Captain in the U.S. Navy, Lynn moved all around the United States, attending both public and Catholic schools, and graduated high school in Alexandria, Virginia. She then attended the University of Hawaii and business school in Hawaii.

Lynn's lengthy and impressive career began as a temporary employee for the Department of the Navy in Pearl Harbor. In 1968, Lynn moved to Washington, D.C. and worked in the Pentagon until 1972. Then, in 1973 she moved across the Atlantic Ocean to England where she worked in the United States Embassy in London under the auspices of the Defense Intelligence Agency. Lynn moved back to the United States in 1980 and worked for an attorney here in Washington, D.C. In 1982, she began working for Senator John Tower from Texas until his retirement. She then moved from the U.S. Senate to the U.S. House of Representatives to work for Representative Larry Combest where she worked for 18 years. In May of 2003, Representative Combest retired. On June 3rd, I was elected to fill the seat for the 19th District of Texas and Lynn accepted the position of Chief of Staff in my office.

Lynn's dedication to public service will continue after she retires from politics. This fall she will begin work at Island Creek Elementary School, serving the people of Fairfax County in Virginia's public school system.

Her career is impressive not only for its duration and the intriguing posts she has filled but more so for the integrity and strong work ethic she brings to each job. For over 30 years, Lynn has been a model of devotion, stability, fairness, and attentiveness that is nothing short of amazing. Her loyalty and passion for the 19th District is evident through her nearly 20-year commitment to the area. The Permian Basin and South Plains of Texas is a unique area where hard-working people are faithful to their roots in the oil and gas industry and agriculture. Lynn's integrity and personal attention to these people is astonishing. She has always taken time to listen and act upon any complaints or concerns that farmers or the hard-working folks of Texas had. When I was sworn in on June 5th, I know I would have been stranded and lost without Lynn's incredible capability to maintain patience with me. Six days out of the week, Lynn kept an incredible schedule and put in extended hours in order to keep the office running. Thanks to Lynn, who is the glue which holds my staff together, the offices in Washington D.C., Odessa and Lubbock stayed in business leading up to my election and my first hectic week as a U.S. Congressman. Her ability to remain positive in tough situations only proved to me that Lynn possesses confidence beyond anyone I have ever known. Without her I would not be as I am today: sure that my transition could not have gone any smoother. Over the years, Lynn has made a powerful impression upon people here on Capitol Hill and back home in Texas. Anyone in public service would do well to emulate her example if they truly desire a

career that makes a difference and leaves a legacy.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in extending my sincere thanks to Lynn Cowart. I am truly honored to recognize her accomplishments. She will certainly be missed.

CENTENNIAL OF THE SUPER-
INTENDENCY OF COLONEL
CHARLES YOUNG—REDEDICA-
TION OF THE BOOKER T. WASH-
INGTON TREE

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to observe two very special events taking place in the Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park on August 23, 2003. The first is the centennial of the superintendency of Colonel Charles Young and secondly, the rededication of the Booker T. Washington Tree.

Born in Kentucky during the Civil War to the parents of former slaves in 1864, Charles Young became only the third African-American to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1889. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and assigned to the 10th U.S. Cavalry.

In the year 1903, then Captain Charles Young was in charge of the 9th U.S. Cavalry and had been assigned the duty of "Acting Superintendent" of the Sequoia and General Grant National Parks, he was to be responsible for the supervision of payroll accounts and directing activities of rangers. That early summer Captain Young led his "Buffalo Soldiers" out of the cold and fog shrouded Presidio in San Francisco en route to the high sierras of Central California. Captain Young and his troopers arrived 16 days later amongst some of the largest and oldest living things on Earth and they began their historic summer working in the second national park ever created in the United States.

With this assignment, Captain Young not only became the first African-American superintendent in the U.S. Park Service history but also became the driving force in forging what would become today one of the most visited and highly recognized parks in the world.

During his tenure as superintendent, Colonel Young discovered and named a majestic Giant Sequoia after an individual that inspired and influenced his life, Booker T. Washington. After nearly 100 years, this tree has been rediscovered and stands as a monument to both Colonel Charles Young and Booker T. Washington.

Again, I ask you to join with me today in recognizing Colonel Charles Young and the rededication of the Booker T. Washington Tree in the Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bills (H.R. 2660), making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Chairman, during debate on H.R. 2660, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill, I strongly supported the Obey/Miller Amendment regarding overtime regulations at the Department of Labor (DOL).

The amendment would block a proposal by the Bush Administration that will eliminate overtime under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act for millions of hard-working Americans who rely on overtime pay to make ends meet.

The DOL proposal would strip overtime rights from more than 8 million workers by allowing easier classification of workers as "white collar" employees ineligible for overtime.

Workers such as mid-level office workers in the offices of downtown Providence or the licensed practical nurses in Northern Rhode Island, or the EMTs, paramedics, and physical therapists on Aquidneck Island will lose under this proposal.

It is just another attempt by the Bush Administration to roll back the clock on years of important wage and hour laws.

This Congress should support the Obey/Miller Amendment and oppose the DOL overtime proposal.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, on July 14, 2003, I was unavoidably detained and missed the vote on rollcall No. 356 on H.R. 2673, the Fiscal Year 2004 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PORTER J. GOSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present on July 10, 2003 due to official travel overseas. As a result, I was not able to be present