

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CORRECTING AN INJUSTICE TO INJURED SERVICE MEMBERS

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, my wife Beverly and I spend considerable time visiting with injured soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and coasties at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. Our goal is to provide comfort and support to the service members and their families.

This is a project Beverly has led for many years, long before the inception of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Throughout the years, we have helped solve many problems large and small that involved patient care, benefits, and tangled bureaucracy.

Recently, though, we learned of a problem that I consider a serious affront to those injured in battle and training. Upon being discharged from the hospital, our enlisted personnel and officers are served with a bill to pay for their "subsistence" while in the hospital. The current daily rate for these charges is \$8.10.

We learned about this from our visits with Staff Sergeant William L. Murwin, who spent 26 days in the hospital recovering from injuries incurred in Iraq. Sergeant Murwin is a reservist in the Marine Corps who was injured when a 10-year-old Iraqi dropped a grenade in the HUMVEE he was driving. As a result of the explosion, Sergeant Murwin is a partial amputee, having lost a large part of his foot.

Upon his discharge July 18th to return home to Nevada and his job as a sheriff's deputy, Sergeant Murwin was handed a bill from the hospital for \$210.60 to pay for his food and subsistence. Beverly and I paid this bill for Sergeant Murwin because we consider it an injustice to ask those who have served us so courageously in Afghanistan and Iraq to pay for their food while hospitalized.

Legislation I am introducing today would amend current law to prohibit service members injured in combat or training from being billed for the food while hospitalized. Congress initially initiated the system of charging for subsistence costs for officers who were hospitalized in 1958 under Public Law 85-861. The 97th Congress amended this law in 1981 with Public Law 97-22 to include enlisted service members.

Mr. Speaker, this is a long overdue correction to our statutes. No one wants to see these men and women have to write a check for their hospital stay, least of all the staff of our nation's military hospitals. We should be honoring and thanking those in uniform for their service to the cause of peace and freedom, not billing them for their food. And we should be doing all we can to help them recover from their injuries, not ask them to write a check to the U.S. Government.

It is my hope that my colleagues in the House will join me in sponsoring this legislation and in urging the Committees with jurisdiction to expedite its enactment as a fitting tribute to all those who serve so valiantly and unfortunately have returned home injured, missing limbs, and in many cases being permanently disabled. It is the least we can do for our nation's keepers of peace and defenders of freedom.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM "BILLY" ROLLE

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. William "Billy" Rolle, Former Head Coach of the Miami Northwestern Senior High School Football Team. He has become the winningest varsity coach in the recent history of Miami-Dade Public Schools, the nation's fourth largest school system. This Friday, September 5, 2003, Coach Rolle will be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame of Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida.

Coach Rolle will join members of his family in this elite circle of achievement to be so honored by this great university, my Alma Mater. Honorees include his late father William Rolle, his mother Frankie Shannon Rolle, his aunt Sophia and his uncle Walter White, his late cousin FAMU Coach Bob Mungen and his late godbrother, the legendary Robert "Bob" Hayes.

Indeed, this is a milestone in the annals of FAMU's athletic glory, and has distinctly elicited so much following from the constituents of the 17th Congressional District. As I join them in extolling the hard work and sacrifices of his parents, the faculty and staff of Miami Northwestern Senior High School located in the heart of Liberty City, I want to likewise commend the exemplary role of this honoree. Due to his utmost commitment to his students, particularly his student-athletes, Coach "Billy" Rolle has become the cornerstone of excellent programs that buttress academic scholarship on one hand, and athletic achievement on the other.

I would like to congratulate him for fast becoming the legendary coach that he is now known among his colleagues and in high school football circles not only across Florida, but across the nation as well. I am also to privy to his work ethic and dogged discipline throughout his coaching years, paving the way for excellence both in the classroom and on the gridiron. Known for his no-nonsense approach to forthright guidance and counseling among his student-athletes, Coach "Billy" Rolle has certainly surrounded himself with excellent coaching staffs whose knowledge and sensitivity to sporting activities befitting the school ambiance superbly complements and supplements the learning needs of his students.

His sterling approach to educating, motivating and mentoring the members of his football teams has led to two District Championships in the year 2000, and culminating in four District Championships at Miami Northwestern Senior High with a hard-to-beat record of 60 wins against only 9 losses. As Assistant Coach, he contributed to the winning of the 1995 6-A Florida Football State Championship, and as Head Coach, he likewise won the 1998 6-A Florida Football State Championship. These enviable achievements were made possible by his emphasis on utmost personal responsibility and his ability to converge same into a zealous dedication to the demands of teamwork above any and all individual accomplishments.

As a whole, our community is genuinely honored by the leadership of Coach "Billy" Rolle. Accordingly, his being enshrined into the Sports Hall of Fame at Florida A&M University this Friday is an unerring testament to his honoring the family of students and parents, the faculty and staffs of various senior high schools to which he has been assigned all through these years since 1983. The dedication of his sterling efforts toward molding the minds and hearts of countless young student-athletes gives honor and respect to a community that is fully cognizant of his many sacrifices and unselfish contributions.

This is the magnificent legacy Coach William "Billy" Rolle genuinely bequeaths to all of us as he enters the Sports Hall of Fame. Suffice it to say that his pursuit of athletic excellence amidst scholastic achievement is not beyond the reach of those willing to dare the impossible through hard work, discipline and resilience. Indeed, I am privileged but deeply humbled to represent him, his wife Loretta and his two children, B.J. and Sheree, along with his noble forbears, in the United States Congress, knowing full well that together they have done so much to dignify the pride of a grateful community.

IN HONOR OF THE FRIENDS OF JEFFERSON PATTERSON PARK AND MUSEUM'S RECEIPT OF A 2003 CHESAPEAKE BAY GATE- WAYS NETWORK GRANT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum. This organization received a 2003 Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Grant for a project designed to enhance opportunities for visitors to explore the lands and stories of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum.

The Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, which includes more than 120 museums, state parks, wildlife refugees and other sites in five states and the District of Columbia, was created to enhance the experience of visitors to

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the Chesapeake Bay and its many roads, rivers and trails. Authorized by the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998, the Gateways Network is coordinated by the National Park Service in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Program.

During the past four years, Gateways Network Grants have funded new maps, improved signs, and expanded trails that have made visits to parks, wildlife refuges and water trails even more exciting and enjoyable than they had previously been. These grants help enhance the public's ability to learn and enjoy the Chesapeake's stories and significance, explore its natural and cultural resources, and become involved in helping conserve and restore the Bay and its watershed. Through these projects and other Gateways Network efforts more and more people recognize the Chesapeake as a true national treasure.

In 2003, the National Park Service is awarding \$1,387,309 in grant funding, matched by over \$2 million in partner contributions. Thirty-two grants are being made to Gateways throughout the Bay watershed in Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum is receiving a grant of \$41,400 and \$62,563 in partner contributions.

The project proposed by the Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum will extend the Shoreline Loop Trail to 3.75 miles, adding to 50 percent to its length, and resulting in the longest publicly accessible shoreline in Calvert County, Maryland. Greater public access to the Patuxent River will help people enjoy this scenic Chesapeake Bay tributary. A trail map and guide will be prepared and a series of wayside exhibit panels will also be added along the trail to interpret the environment and the diverse cultures that have influenced this site over time. The park will also develop an overall interpretive plan for the park to guide both this project and all future interpretive efforts.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the assistance and vision of organizations such as the Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum that the Chesapeake Bay and the entire region has become the treasure that we know it to be today. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum on receiving this grant and wishing them the best of luck in completing their project.

ADDRESS OF MOTHER THERESA
TO THE NATIONAL PRAYER
BREAKFAST, FEBRUARY 5, 1994

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD.

On the last day, Jesus will say to those on His right hand, "Come, enter the Kingdom. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was sick and you visited me." Then Jesus will turn to those on His left hand and say, "Depart from me because I was hungry and you did not feed me, I was thirsty and you did not give me to drink, I was sick and you did not visit me." These will ask Him, "When did we see You hungry, or thirsty or sick and

did not come to Your help?" And Jesus will answer them, "Whatever you neglected to do unto one of these least of these, you neglected to do unto Me!"

As we have gathered here to pray together, I think it will be beautiful if we begin with a prayer that expresses very well what Jesus wants us to do for the least. St. Francis of Assisi understood very well these words of Jesus and His life is very well expressed by a prayer. And this prayer, which we say every day after Holy Communion, always surprises me very much, because it is very fitting for each one of us. And I always wonder whether 800 years ago when St. Francis lived, they had the same difficulties that we have today. I think that some of you already have this prayer of peace—so we will pray it together.

Let us thank God for the opportunity He has given us today to have come here to pray together. We have come here especially to pray for peace, joy and love. We are reminded that Jesus came to bring the good news to the poor. He had told us what is that good news when He said: "My peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you." He came not to give the peace of the world which is only that we don't bother each other. He came to give the peace of heart which comes from loving—from doing good to others.

And God loved the world so much that He gave His son—it was a giving. God gave His son to the Virgin Mary, and what did she do with Him? As soon as Jesus came into Mary's life, immediately she went in haste to give that good news. And as she came into the house of her cousin, Elizabeth, Scripture tells us that the unborn child—the child in the womb of Elizabeth—leapt with joy. While still in the womb of Mary—Jesus brought peace to John the Baptist who leapt for joy in the womb of Elizabeth.

And as if that were not enough, as if it were not enough that God the Son should become one of us and bring peace and joy while still in the womb of Mary, Jesus also died on the Cross to show that greater love. He died for you and for me, and for the leper and for that man dying of hunger and that naked person lying in the street, not only of Calcutta, but of Africa, and everywhere. Our Sisters serve these poor people in 105 countries throughout the world. Jesus insisted that we love one another as He loves each one of us. Jesus gave His life to love us and He tells us that we also have to give whatever it takes to do good to one another. And in the Gospel Jesus says very clearly: "Love as I have loved you."

Jesus died on the Cross because that is what it took for Him to do good to us—to save us from our selfishness in sin. He gave up everything to do the Father's will—to show us that we too must be willing to give up everything to do God's will—to love one another as He loves each of us. If we are not willing to give whatever it takes to do good to one another, sin is still in us. That is why we too must give to each other until it hurts.

It is not enough for us to say: "I love God," but I also have to love my neighbor. St. John says that you are a liar if you say you love God and you don't love your neighbor. How can you love God whom you do not see, if you do not love your neighbor whom you see, whom you touch, with whom you live? And so it is very important for us to realize that love, to be true, has to hurt. I must be willing to give whatever it takes not to harm other people and, in fact, to do good to them. This requires that I be willing to give until it hurts. Otherwise, there is not true love in me and I bring injustice, not peace, to those around me.

It hurt Jesus to love us. We have been created in His image for greater things, to love and to be loved. We must "put on Christ" as

Scripture tells us. And so, we have been created to love as He loves us. Jesus makes Himself the hungry one, the naked one, the homeless one, the unwanted one, and He says, "You did it to Me." On the last day He will say to those on His right, "whatever you did to the least of these, you did to Me, and He will also say to those on His left, whatever you neglected to do for the least of these, you neglected to do it for Me."

When He was dying on the Cross, Jesus said, "I thirst." Jesus is thirsting for our love, and this is the thirst of everyone, poor and rich alike. We all thirst for the love of others, that they go out of their way to avoid harming us and to do good to us. This is the meaning of true love, to give until it hurts.

I can never forget the experience I had in visiting a home where they kept all these old parents of sons and daughters who had just put them into an institution and forgotten them—maybe. I saw that in that home these old people had everything—good food, comfortable place, television, everything, but everyone was looking toward the door. And I did not see a single one with a smile on the face. I turned to Sister and I asked: "Why do these people who have every comfort here, why are they all looking toward the door? Why are they not smiling?"

I am so used to seeing the smiles on our people, even the dying ones smile. And Sister said: "This is the way it is nearly everyday. They are expecting, they are hoping that a son or daughter will come to visit them. They are hurt because they are forgotten." And see, this neglect to love brings spiritual poverty. Maybe in our own family we have somebody who is feeling lonely, who is feeling sick, who is feeling worried. Are we there? Are we willing to give until it hurts in order to be with our families, or do we put our own interests first? These are the questions we must ask ourselves, especially as we begin this year of the family. We must remember that love begins at home and we must also remember that "the future of humanity passes through the family."

I was surprised in the West to see so many young boys and girls given to drugs. And I tried to find out why. Why is it like that, when those in the West have so many more things than those in the East? And the answer was: "Because there is no one in the family to receive them." Our children depend on us for everything—their health, their nutrition, their security, their coming to know and love God. For all of this, they look to us with trust, hope and expectation. But often father and mother are so busy they have no time for their children, or perhaps they are not even married or have given up on their marriage. So their children go to the streets and get involved in drugs or other things. We are talking of love of the child, which is where love and peace must begin. These are the things that break peace.

But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts.

By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father