

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JASON MICHAEL BOETCHER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Jason Michael Boetcher has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Jason Michael Boetcher has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Jason Michael Boetcher has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Jason Michael Boetcher must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with the residents of Frazeysburg and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Jason Michael Boetcher as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HIGH SCHOOLERS DISPLAY TRUE HEROISM—PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to your attention Kevin and Manuel Romero, best friends who took it upon themselves to help save a family's home during the first of two fires that recently threatened Albuquerque's bosque.

Kevin and Manuel will be juniors at Albuquerque's West Mesa High School in the fall. They both grew up on Albuquerque's West Side, the area of town most threatened by the recent fires, and have been involved in JROTC throughout high school.

On June 24, the pair decided to drive by the bosque to get a closer look at the flames. As they did so, they saw Mary and Dick Kirschner, whose home borders the bosque, attempting to put out the flames encroaching on their house. Grabbing shovels, the boys immediately filled buckets with dirt and dumped sand onto the embers. The thought of not helping never crossed their minds.

Kevin and Manuel's efforts clearly made a difference in saving the Kirschners' home, which is now surrounded by scorched terrain. That landscape is a constant reminder of how close the fire came. Kevin and Manuel had never met the Kirschners, yet they tirelessly worked to save their home. The boys' efforts won them not only recognition on numerous local newscasts but the thanks of the Kirschners as well, who praise the boys for "reaffirming the best of human instincts."

Kevin's mother taught him that good deeds come back to those who do them, and that creed has clearly affected both Kevin and Manuel in a very positive way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you join me and all the residents of New Mexico in honoring and thanking Kevin and Manuel Romero for their valiant efforts in saving a family home from a devastating fire. Their spirit of community is an inspiration to us all.

HONORING THE ORANGE 9-10 GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and excitement that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Orange 9-10 Girls Softball Team who recently won their second consecutive State Championship title. I am certainly proud to stand with the Orange community in saluting these youngsters on this tremendous accomplishment.

For too long young women were often discouraged from participating in sports. It has only been in the last decade that women's sports have exploded onto the national stage. With the continued and increasing interest in women's collegiate and professional teams, so many opportunities are opening up for our young people.

This team of fourteen girls worked hard and played well—enjoying an extraordinary season. More importantly, they have learned one of life's most valuable lessons—teamwork. Softball, like all sports, teaches us the value of team work, practice, camaraderie, and commitment to excellence. These skills will serve these young people well as they begin to make a difference in the world. Working together, they have already accomplished so much and who knows—perhaps the next Lisa Fernandez or Christa Williams is among them. I have every confidence that they will enjoy great success in all of their future endeavors.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to extend my thanks and congratulations to some very special parents. It is with great pleasure that I also recognize Coaches Ken Slowik, Bruce Post, and Bill McNeil—all of whom have worked hard to give these young people the chance to play. Without their efforts, the success of the team would not have been possible.

This evening, as they celebrate their victory, I would again extend my heart-felt congratulations to these youngsters as well as my very best wishes for continued success. I am thrilled to join the Orange community in recognizing this outstanding accomplishment and only wish that I could share in tonight's festivities. You have made us all proud.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING RONALD SICKELS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker: Whereas, Ronald Sickels has demonstrated professionalism and a dedication to safety; and

Whereas, Ronald Sickels has logged 1 million miles, the equivalent of circling the earth's equator 40 times, without a single preventable accident; and

Whereas, Ronald Sickels must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth over his years at Yellow Transportation;

Therefore, I join with the Motor Freight Carriers Association and the residents of Ohio 18th Congressional District in congratulating Ronald Sickels for his outstanding achievement.

A LIFE-SAVING PARTNERSHIP— QWEST JOINS AMBER ALERT TEAM

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to your attention a partnership that could save children's lives. Telecommunications provider Qwest will begin sending AMBER Alerts directly to its technicians' pagers in order to increase the number of individuals looking for missing children. The company joins America Online and the New Mexico State Lottery as a corporate partner in the program to find abducted children.

The AMBER Alert program began in 1996, and since then over 32 abducted children nationally have been found as a direct result of communities' rapid response to the alert. In October 2000 I sponsored and the House passed a resolution on this floor urging communities to implement the AMBER Alert. I then laid the groundwork for the alerts to become available in New Mexico, which they did in April 2001. Today the Albuquerque Police Department, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department, and the New Mexico State Police have all established AMBER Alert programs.

The AMBER Alerts are currently carried by New Mexico's broadcast media via the same Emergency Alert System used in severe weather and national emergencies. The tones so familiar to citizens during storms are now helping to save children's lives. Thanks to Qwest's efforts, the alerts will now go out directly to the company's field technicians' pagers as well. The workers cover much of the state in their efforts to serve customers, so adding those employees to the network of individuals looking for missing children will be a tremendous advantage.

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Mr. Speaker, I ask you join me and all the residents of New Mexico in honoring and thanking Qwest for its efforts to aid our community in efforts to find abducted children. AMBER Alerts have proven effective in finding these children, and through its partnership Qwest has significantly expanded the number of people participating in the program and aiding authorities in their search. I commend them for answering an important call.

HONORING JOEL SCHIAVONE AS HE RECEIVES THE NEW HAVEN PRESERVATION TRUST "PRESERVATION HERO AWARD"

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Ms. DeLAURO Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to join the New Haven Preservation Trust in recognizing Joel Schiavone for his many contributions to our community. As a lifelong resident of New Haven, Connecticut, I am truly grateful to those in our community who dedicate themselves to preserving our rich history. Through his efforts and good work, Joel has helped to preserve numerous architectural jewels throughout our great city.

Each year, the New Haven Preservation Trust bestows their Preservation Hero Award on an individual or group who has significantly contributed to the preservation of the distinctive character of the city of New Haven. Throughout the course of its history the city has seen many changes. The home of such local treasures as Yale University, Winchester Repeating Arms, Wooster Square, and the Carousel at Lighthouse Point, the city has a strong and proud tradition of fighting to preserve those unique facets on which our community was built.

As a developer and entrepreneur, Joel has worked over the last several decades to blend the changing needs of the residents and businesses with the unique styles of architecture which can be found throughout the city. Perhaps his most well-known accomplishments lie in the resurrection of the College and Chapel Street District which sits adjacent to Yale University. His work not only restored many historic buildings but began an economic revitalization of the area as well.

Throughout his career, Joel has committed himself to enriching the city and celebrating its unique culture. I am honored to rise today to join the New Haven Preservation Trust, and the New Haven community, in extending my sincere thanks and appreciation to Joel Schiavone for his many efforts on behalf of the city of New Haven.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE OHIO COLLEGE REPUBLICAN FEDERATION

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, the Ohio College Republican Federation (OCRf) has been presented the "Best State Federation Award" by the College Republican National Committee; and

Whereas, the OCRf should be recognized for its leadership, Campaign Efforts, Education Taskforce, Women's Caucus, and service to the Republican Party; and

Whereas, OCRf members must be commended for the hard work, and dedication they put forth on a daily basis;

Therefore, I join with the College Republican National Committee and the residents of Ohio's 18th Congressional District in congratulating the Ohio College Republican Federation for this outstanding achievement.

TRIBUTE TO W. CLOYCE ANDERS, RALEIGH, NC, ON COMPLETION OF HIS TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS OF AMERICA

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend my friend and a fellow North Carolinian, W. Cloyce Anders of Raleigh, who is completing his highly successful term as President of the nation's largest insurance association—the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (IIABA)—later this month in Las Vegas. He was elected to IIABA's Executive Committee in September 1997. Cloyce is president of VFIS of North Carolina and Anders, Ireland & Marshall, Inc., both of Raleigh as well as a managing partner of Independent Agency Services, LLC, of Durham.

Even before his service as IIABA president, Cloyce's career as an independent insurance agent was marked with distinguished service and dedication to his clients, community, IIABA, the Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina (IIANC), and his colleagues across the country. His service to his peers began with his involvement at the state level with IIANC. He served as IIANC president for a year beginning in 1989 and represented the state on IIABA's National Board of State Directors from 1992 to 1997. In recognition of his outstanding service, he was honored by the North Carolina association as its Agent of the Year, Young Agent of the Year, Educator of the Year, and Committee Chairman of the Year.

Cloyce also is a concerned and highly active member of his community. He has served as president of several community organizations, including the Craven County Chamber of Commerce, New Bern Jaycees, Craven County Committee of 100; and as chairman of the Salvation Army Craven County Board, Craven County March of Dimes, Craven County Heart Fund, Craven County Cancer Drive, Craven County Committee of 100, and Salvation Army Building Fund Drive. He is a member of the North Carolina Fire & Rescue Commission and is the facilitator for the Wake County Fire Commission. He also is chairman of the North Carolina Safety Workers Compensation Fund.

I laud Cloyce for his tireless and selfless leadership of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America and the many accomplishments benefiting all independent insurance agents and brokers realized during his tenure as President. I know that even though Cloyce will step aside as IIABA leader soon, he will remain involved with the Association because he is a concerned leader and wants to continue helping his colleagues build for a strong and secure future. Congratulations on a job well done, Cloyce!

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE CARNEGIE FREE LIBRARY OF BEAVER FALLS, PA

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, on September 13th, an outstanding institution in the congressional district I represent in the House of Representatives will celebrate a remarkable landmark. The Carnegie Free Library of Beaver Falls, PA, will hold its 100th anniversary celebration on that date. I am honored to pay tribute to this library that has provided knowledge and enjoyment to citizens both young and old in the Beaver area for a century.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in wishing the Carnegie Free Library of Beaver Falls a happy one hundredth birthday and to thank all of those who have served in its important mission to provide reference, knowledge, and entertainment to the Beaver Falls community over the past one hundred years.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING EDWARD THOMAS WARNER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas Edward Thomas Warner has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Edward Thomas Warner has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Edward Thomas Warner has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Edward Thomas Warner must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 212, the residents of New Lexington, and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Edward Thomas Warner as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.