

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF JAMES F.
MCHENRY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Mr. James F. McHenry of Jefferson City, MO.

Mr. McHenry was born October 26, 1930, in St. Louis, MO, and was the son of Foster and Ellen Waddill McHenry. He graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1948 and was a 1952 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia. Mr. McHenry graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law in 1971. He also served his country in the Korean War and was awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

Mr. McHenry served as the traffic manager, director, and secretary of the Capital City Telephone Company. He served as president of the St. Thomas Dial, Inc. and vice president of Midstate Telephone Company. In 1971, Mr. McHenry started his career as an attorney by going into private practice in Jefferson City, MO. He left that practice in 1972, but formed Hyder and McHenry Law Firm in 1979. He was Cole County prosecuting attorney from 1973 through 1978. In 1981, he was appointed circuit judge, 19th judicial circuit of Cole County, by then Governor Christopher Bond. Mr. McHenry was elected to this bench in 1982 and again in 1988. He then retired in 1994.

Mr. McHenry was very active in his community. He was a past vice chairman, Jefferson City Convention and Visitors Bureau; past chairman, Jefferson City Board of Adjustment, Jefferson City Industrial Commission, and Jefferson City Parking and Traffic Commission. Mr. McHenry also served as past president of Cole County Conservation Federation, Jefferson City Host Lions Club, Jefferson City Veterans Council, and Board of Trustees of Memorial Community Hospital. He was a past member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board; past director and vice president of the Industrial Committee of the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. McHenry also served as past commander of Oliver-Buerhle Chapter Number 17, Disabled American Veterans. He was a past president of Cole County Historical Society; a past member of the board of directors, City National Saving & Loan Association and was a past member, executive board, Great River Council, Boy Scouts of America. He was also a member of a large number of other organizations.

Mr. Speaker, James McHenry was a valuable leader in his community. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family: his brother John and his fiancé Debra Brown.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CLIFTON EDWARD PETTIFORD, IN MEMORIAM

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to Mr. Clifton Edward Pettiford. Mr. Pettiford passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, in his hometown of Durham, North Carolina, after an extended illness. Mr. Pettiford was a dedicated, loving man and will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

Clifton Pettiford was born on December 12, 1944, to the late Nathaniel and Evelyn Goss-Pettiford. He grew up and attended public schools in Durham and attended the North Carolina Central University. After graduating, Mr. Pettiford honored his country by serving in the United States Army and he received an Honorable Discharge. Clifton was a hard-working man as evidenced by his employment as a chef at Duke University Dining Halls in North Carolina and the Owens-Illinois Glass Company in Durham and Ingalls Shipbuilders in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Upon moving to New Jersey, Mr. Pettiford spent twenty years working at Midland and Anchor Glass Company until the plant closed in 1995. In November of 1997, Clifton took advantage of a job opportunity with Coors Brewery in Golden, Colorado, and he moved to Wheatridge, Colorado where he remained until the onset of his illness.

In addition to his strong work ethic, Mr. Pettiford enjoyed volunteering his time to various organizations, of which I was fortunate enough to witness on many occasions. Clifton Pettiford was also a valued member of the Mount Zion AME Zion Church of Eatontown, New Jersey.

Clifton was married to Wanda Parker-Pettiford from 1969 to 2002. He leaves behind a daughter Monica and a granddaughter Ymoni Pettiford-Tittle. In addition, he had four siblings, Alma, Glenda, Garrie, and James as well as numerous aunts, nieces, nephews, and cousins who will continue to cherish their fond memories of him.

Clifton Edward Pettiford had many friends and colleagues who affectionately knew him as a fun-loving, giving individual who loved life and people. His friends and family greatly enjoyed his company and will sorely miss him. On this day, I ask my fellow colleagues to join with me in honoring and remembering this extraordinary individual.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE TO THE FAMILIES OF THE CREW OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE "COLUMBIA"

SPEECH OF

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the men and women of the Space Shuttle *Columbia*. As our Nation grieves their loss, may we take solace in their dedication to science, their commitment to space exploration, and their love of our country. This tragedy has shed light once again on the great risk our astronauts take willingly in the exploration of space. Our Nation swells with pride in their breathtaking achievements.

I salute *Columbia's* seven honorable astronauts, Commander Rick Husband, Pilot William McCool, Payload Commander Michael Anderson, Mission Specialist 1 David Brown, Mission Specialist 2 Kalpana Chawla, Mission Specialist 4 Laurel Clark, and Payload Specialist 1 Ilan Ramon of the state of Israel. Each served their country with honor and distinction. Their death has left a hole in our hearts and a deep void in the world of science. They will be sorely missed.

As the Nation grieves, this tragedy was also a personal loss for the 1,200 plus employees of Pratt & Whitney, a key partner in the exploration of space, located in Jupiter, Florida. Each astronaut, NASA official and employee, manufacturer, consultant and engineer are all part of an extended space industry family. Together they produce a product that is truly the envy of the world.

The people at Pratt & Whitney are charged with the responsibility of engineering, manufacturing, assembling, and testing the 75,000 horsepower main engine liquid-oxygen and liquid hydrogen turbo pumps that propel the shuttle through the deepest and darkest regions of space.

We, in Palm Beach County, are proud of the role that Pratt & Whitney has had in making the program successful and safe and look forward to its continuing to engineer new space and propulsion state-of-the-art technologies as we leap into the future.

Mr. Speaker, I Join my colleagues in offering my deepest condolences to the families of the Space Shuttle *Columbia's* crew, the NASA family located in Florida, Texas, and California, and the men and women of Pratt & Whitney.

A POEM HONORING THE
"COLUMBIA" SHUTTLE HEROES

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit the following poem written by Brandon

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Dillard, a sixth grade student at Renfro Elementary School in Collinsville, Illinois. Brandon's teacher is Judy Barnett and his parents are David and Bonnie Dillard.

Brandon wrote the following poem following the tragedy of the *Columbia* shuttle.

Sparks & fire falling from the sky.
Seven heroes had to die.
Weightlessly floating through time and space.

Now they float in a heavenly place.
Children now living without a mom or dad.
When I think of this it makes me sad.
We will never forget this horrible story.
Taken from the Earth in a blaze of glory.
This message we send to the *Columbia* crew.
America will never forget about you.
Sparks & fire falling from the sky.
Seven heroes had to die.

INTRODUCING THE "BUILDING SECURE AND HEALTHY FAMILIES ACT OF 2003"

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Building Secure and Healthy Families Act of 2003." This legislation amends existing welfare law to provide alternative programs to the Republican marriage proposals. It would also improve provisions concerning family violence, childcare, care-giving, and teen pregnancy prevention.

I'm thankful to Senator MURRAY for working to pass companion legislation in the Senate. I am also grateful to the more than 80 poverty, domestic violence, and children's groups that have endorsed this legislation.

As the current Republican marriage proposal demonstrates, even when Republicans correctly identify a societal problem, they administer the wrong remedy due to their blind allegiance to their Christian right wing ideology. Of course families with one income are likely to be poorer than families with two incomes. However, simply getting poor people married does not address any of the underlying causes of poverty such as domestic violence, substance abuse or mental illness. In fact, encouraging marriage may exacerbate those very problems. Thus, the Republican solution is at best naive and simplistic and at worst dangerously harmful and intolerant.

In contrast, the Building Secure and Healthy Families Act of 2003 provides evidence-based solutions to help families overcome problems such as: lacking sufficient income, suffering from family violence, facing teenage pregnancy, being without child care or care-giving skills themselves, or suffering from physical and mental disabilities.

My bill provides an alternative to the marriage promotion provisions of the Republican plan by creating a \$100 million per year competitive grant to states to be used for one of the following programs:

Income enhancement programs (like the Minnesota Family Investment Program);

Programs that provide education, opportunity and support to teens to reduce first and subsequent births; and

Programs that provide services to build family stability by securing employment and child care, and providing other services such as

mental health and substance abuse counseling.

One of the key programs encouraged in my bill is the Minnesota Family Investment Program or MFIP. This innovative program allows welfare recipients to keep more of their welfare check while they work. It is structured to raise incomes, MFIP is the only welfare program in the country that has created more stable marriages and improved outcomes for child well-being.

In fact, Wade Horn, the Assistant Secretary for Administration for Children and Families at the Department of Health and Human Services, agrees that MFIP works. In a November 2000 Washington Times editorial Horn wrote, "These results [of MFIP] provide dramatic new evidence that changes in welfare incentives can increase the likelihood that single parents will get married and that married parents will stay married."

Unfortunately, the Republican marriage plan in their welfare bill does nothing to encourage MFIP-type programs. Instead, it narrowly focuses on providing education programs that deal with inadequate relationship skills, unrealistic expectations about marriage, and the inadequate meaning of marital commitment. It ignores other economic, social and cultural issues relating to marriage instability.

Unlike MFIP, there is no evidence that the Republican-backed marriage programs work. But, maybe they don't care. Their proposal fails to require grantees to meet any criteria of experience, competence or fiscal soundness to get these grants. Also, there are no evaluation standards in their grants. Therefore, it is apparent that the Republican program is more an effort to appease its political base—the religious right—than it is to stabilize and make poor families secure and healthy.

Besides its competitive grant program, my bill encourages parental care-giving and seeks to protect children from the dangers of poverty. Specifically, the bill:

Prohibits states from kicking children off welfare for parents failure to meet TANF requirements;

Disallows states from sanctioning parents on welfare who cannot meet their work requirements because they have no available child care for their children age 13 and under;

Requires states to count care-giving as work for parents who have children that are age 1 and under;

Gives states the option to count as work care-giving for a child up to age 3;

Deems care-giving for one's sick or disabled child or other family member as a work activity and stops the welfare work clock for care-giving for one's sick or disabled family member

Finally, this bill extends the current Family Violence Option by requiring that states:

Coordinate with domestic or sexual violence coalitions in the development of policies and procedures to have trained caseworkers identify survivors of domestic and sexual violence, refer them for services, and modify or waive welfare work requirements as necessary.

Provide notice, confidentiality, and pre-sanction review to ensure that individuals are not being sanctioned under the welfare law when domestic or sexual violence is a significant contributing factor in noncompliance.

Unfortunately, studies show that even local welfare offices of states that have domestic violence provisions may not fully inform individuals who disclose domestic violence of all

their rights. Approximately 75 percent of welfare recipients who identified themselves as victims of violence were not informed about available services, including counseling, housing, or the possibility of using work time to seek help.

To have a secure and healthy America requires having secure and healthy American families. This bill helps develop those healthy American families by broadening the use of the Republican marriage promotion funds to fund proven programs we know that have accomplished this goal. Please join me in enacting the "Building Secure and Healthy Families Act of 2003."

TRIBUTE TO ELLEN STRAUS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ellen Straus of Marshall, California, who died on November 30, 2002, after a lifetime of vision, leadership, and dedication to protecting agriculture and assuring its viability in West Marin.

Ellen was born in Amsterdam in 1927 to a Jewish family. In February, 1940, fearful of the Nazi threat, they immigrated to New York where her father was able to continue his work as a diamond broker. Ellen, a bright 13-year-old who knew no English, began attending school right away and in 1948 graduated from Bard College with a major in Natural Sciences and Mathematics. When she applied for research jobs, she was asked if she knew typing and shorthand, so, in order to find work, she enrolled in Katherine Gibbs School in New York City to obtain a Business Degree.

In 1949 in New York Ellen met William Straus, a rancher from Marin County, California, who, like herself, came from a European Jewish family that had immigrated to the U.S. Bill had received a degree from UC Berkeley in animal husbandry and bought a dairy ranch near Marshall in 1941. Bill and Ellen were married in New York and moved to their ranch on Tomales Bay.

Although the work was hard, Ellen loved the ranch and the beautiful Tomales Bay area. She raised four children and taught them what she had learned by observing Hitler's rise to power—the importance of individuals becoming politically involved to create and preserve what is valued in life. Ellen was active in politics, including 14 years on the Democratic Central Committee of Marin.

During the 1960's she was a key supporter of the effort to create Point Reyes National Seashore, establishing herself as a visionary who understood that ranchers and conservationists need to work together to preserve open spaces for both agriculture and recreation. She worked hard to develop cooperation between the two groups, and her husband Bill became the first rancher to join the Marin Conservation League.

This vision continued to motivate Ellen and Bill as they fought for a new general plan for Marin County in the 1960s to prevent rural West Marin from being carved up for subdivisions and freeways. Realizing that even this successful effort was not enough, Ellen co-founded Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT) with Phyllis Faber in 1980.