

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF MOTHER TERESA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mother Teresa of Calcutta for her life-long dedication to the poorest of the poor. She did not do it out of obligation, but out of love and goodwill. On October 19, 2003, Mother Teresa will be beatified by Pope John Paul II in Rome.

Mother Teresa dedicated the majority of her life to helping the poorest of the poor in India. While supervising a school in Calcutta, Mother Teresa was faced with the suffering and poverty that was outside her convent walls. These images made such a deep impression on her that, in 1946, she received permission from her superiors to leave the convent school and devote herself to working among the poor in the slums of Calcutta.

In 1950, Mother Teresa, while doing her charity work, founded Missionaries of Charity, an order of nuns dedicated to serving the poor. Originally, the convent began with just 12 sisters; today, it has over 3,000 sisters in over 100 countries worldwide with 517 missions.

Mother Teresa's compassion for the suffering knew no boundaries and has served as an inspiration to the world. She fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless, and cleaned the wounds of those injured; but what is even more important is that she made them feel good, loved, wanted, and gave them back the dignity that poverty had taken away from them.

For her endless amount of volunteer work and selflessness, Mother Teresa was honored with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, an honor that she deserved for laboring in loving dedication. She was also acknowledged for her work in 1985 with the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Even late in her life, she continued to dedicate her time and energy to those who were in need. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mother Teresa for her selfless devotion and extraordinary contributions to the world community.

PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM PAYING SUBSISTENCE CHARGES WHILE HOSPITALIZED

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2998, and am

proud to say that I am one of 239 Members who have cosponsored this bipartisan legislation. I commend my colleague from Florida, BILL YOUNG, for working with such diligence to bring this important legislation to the floor.

In 1958, Congress initiated a system of charging hospitalized members of the armed forces for subsistence costs. H.R. 2998 will exempt members of the armed forces, hospitalized as a result of armed conflict or engaged in hazardous service, from incurring this charge.

Although the FY 2004 Defense Authorization bill does put this exemption in place for 2004, H.R. 2998 amends Title 10 to make this exemption permanent. It is simply unfair and unjust that this additional burden is placed on the brave men and women who serve with such honor and distinction. This is, truly, the very least we can do for these brave men and women. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote in favor of this important change to Title 10.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN'S
92ND NATIONAL DAY ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of our largest trading partners, the Republic of China on Taiwan. On October 10, Taiwan celebrated the 92nd anniversary of its National Day. I wish to join my colleagues in the United States Congress in sending best wishes to the twenty-two million residents of this lovely island nation. I also commend President Chen Shui-bian and Vice President Annette Lu as they continue to lead Taiwan to greater economic prosperity at home and greater participation in international activities abroad.

Just like our 4th of July, October 10 marked the beginning of a fantastic story of economic, social and political success that has culminated in Taiwan becoming a vibrant democracy in the Pacific region. These are exciting times in the history of relations between the United States and Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker, in commemoration of the 92nd occasion of the Republic of China's National Day, it is important to remember that Taiwan has a strong relationship with the United States, and we hope this relationship will continue to flourish and grow in the years to come.

MOTHER TERESA: A BEACON OF
HOPE FOR OUR TIME

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her beatification by Pope John Paul II in Rome, Mother Teresa, one of the world's most recognized and admired human rights advocates, deserves this designation because of her dedication, her courage, and her love of all members of society, especially the poorest and most neglected. Throughout her life of tireless service, she inspired countless individuals by her example of unconditional love and devotion to the poorest of the poor. She was a living witness of true compassion and service. In fighting for the dignity of the destitute, she gave the world a moral model that bridged divides of culture and faith.

Mother Teresa taught us that to truly love one another, we must abandon ourselves and our selfish inclinations and give to others. As she so aptly stated: "By becoming poor ourselves, by loving until it hurts, we become capable of loving more deeply, more beautifully, more wholly." Mother Teresa's beautiful pure faith and love have left a rich legacy for people of all faiths and nationalities.

This is clearly illustrated by her words: "There is joy in transcending self to serve others." For Mother Teresa, the importance of her mission was not to achieve fame or fortune, but rather to embrace a life of quiet simplicity which would lead others to a deeper understanding of God and self. Through her dedication to the poor and neglected members of society, she exemplified true humility.

I was honored to be part of the official US delegation traveling with the First Lady to India for her funeral service, an experience which truly inspired me. As I gazed at the throngs of people in attendance, I realized the profound impact that this small, seemingly simple woman had on the entire world. Her message was simple. She sought not for medals or acclaim, but rather to make a tangible difference in the lives of our world's poorest and most downtrodden. She answered God's call, which is a simple one—to love with all one's heart and to act out of love in all that we do.

We have all been enriched by Mother Teresa's example.

IN HONOR OF THE MARYLAND DISTRICT 7 WIN OF THE 2003 BIG LEAGUE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Maryland District 7 Softball Team—this year's winners of the 2003 Softball Big League World Series.

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This softball powerhouse breezed through the tournament to win their fifth championship title in seven years at the Big League Softball World Series. In eight innings, Maryland defeated Puerto Rico in the Championship Game by a score of 3-1. I want my colleagues to know about the hard work ethic and determination these outstanding young athletes possess.

Mr. Speaker, this is a sports success story and fans were thrilled by the championship effort and heart displayed by these young women from Maryland. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Maryland District 7 Softball Team on their triumphant season.

The Maryland District 7 Softball Team: Jamie Baden, Lacy Cochran, Kim Fowler, Heather Hall, Heather Holley, Carrie Higdon, Cory Karcesky, Amanda Mitchell, Caryn Moreland, Lindsey Preuss, Kelly Seger, Maris Smith, Danielle Sturman, Jamea Waltersdorff, Abbey Welch, along with coaches Andy Adams, and Mike Kriner and manager Tommy Morrison.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
SUZANNE INSOOK AHN

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, my colleague EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON and I would like to pay tribute to the memory of our dear friend and a remarkable woman from Dallas, Dr. Suzanne Insook Ahn.

Dr. Suzanne Insook Ahn was born in Pusan, South Korea and raised in the United States. Dr. Ahn's beginning was very humble. Her father, Chai Ho Ahn, had been scratching out a living for his wife and children. Their community was so impressed with his intellect they collected \$143 to send him to a local college to start him on his way to become a doctor. The family patriarch never forgot his neighbors and friends, and until his retirement, he often returned to the village loaded with donated pharmaceuticals to treat patients.

Dr. Ahn joined her father a few years later in the U.S., and quickly acclimated to her new home, learning to speak fluent English just eight months after her arrival. She was the top student in her class through junior high school, and participated in many activities including the school debate team. She became an accomplished pianist, and at age 17, she entered the North Texas Beauty Contest and won first alternate. Upon graduation from high school, she decided to pursue pre-medical studies at the University of Texas at Austin. She was also a graduate of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Dr. Ahn was a co-inventor of 23 U.S. medical patents. She was the founder of a medical division of a Hi-Tech start-up, and served as its president for three years. She was the founder and president of Dallas Summit, a group of Dallas women in decisionmaking positions. Dr. Ahn served on many boards, including the Texas Air Quality Board, National Board of Girls Inc., Women's Center of Dallas, DeGolyer Library of Women of the Southwest, and the board of the Hockaday School.

Dr. Ahn has made it a habit throughout her life to demonstrate that Asian Pacific Ameri-

cans are not "foreigners," but proud Americans. She especially believed in the democratic process, supporting candidates in their elections and developing close long-lasting relationships with them.

Former Texas Governor Ann Richards appointed Dr. Ahn to the Air Control Board during her governorship. Dr. Ahn also became the youngest person, and only the second woman, ever to be appointed to the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners in its 100-year history.

Dr. Ahn also knew too well about the negative side of political participation. When President Clinton ran for his second term of office, the Republicans accused the Democrats of illegal campaign contributions, specifically from China. Auditors questioned any contributor with an Asian-sounding surname, including Dr. Ahn, about their contributions. She was infuriated and let her feelings be known to the national media.

Appearing on ABC's Nightline, Ahn recounted her own experience: "The questions that [the auditor] asked were: one, what is your reported income on your tax statement; two, what are your assets; three, are you an American citizen?"

The questions came with threats. The auditor told Ahn that if she did not tell them everything that she would be listed as uncooperative and her name would be released to the press.

"When white men violate campaign finance rules," she pointed out, "they pay a fine and nobody gets hurt. There is no maligning of the entire race. I think there is an incredible double standard here."

Last year, Ahn made a surprise appearance at the Asian American Journalists Association's national convention meeting in Dallas, where she presented the group with a \$100,000 endowment, the largest gift the organization has ever received.

Friends and family will miss Dr. Ahn. She leaves behind her husband, Dr. Steven Hays, a nephrologist, their 17 year-old son, Foster, and 14 year-old daughter, Kimberly.

We are privileged to have had the opportunities to work with Dr. Ahn. What was most amazing about her was the hard work and determination she had in helping others. Her unmatched passion and love for public service will be missed by many. We join the residents of the Dallas/Ft. Worth community in extending our condolences to her family. The Great State of Texas was fortunate to have had Dr. Ahn, and we all have been greatly touched by her courage and life's work.

on their shoulders, the responsibility and commitment to ensure our freedom and all the values that we hold so dear. By taking on this task, they have made countless sacrifices in their own personal lives and safety, and for that, we are deeply indebted.

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to visit U.S. Army Soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. The soldiers I met are some of the most courageous men and women I've met in my lifetime. I listened to their stories, heard about their families back home and marveled at their dedication, bravery and commitment to serving our country. I hope and pray for their speedy recovery.

I also learned of some troubling information. Apparently, while soldiers are being hospitalized for wounds and injuries sustained while fighting for our country, they are billed for subsistence charges, i.e food costs, that they accumulate during their stay. The current daily rate for this "subsistence" charge is \$8.10. This may not seem like much, however we must consider that in many cases, wounds may be significant and constitute longer hospital stays. This translates to higher costs that under new law must be paid by the servicemen.

If enacted, this bill would amend current law to prohibit service members injured in training or in combat from being held responsible for paying for their food costs while hospitalized in a military facility.

We must thank our men and women serving overseas for their selflessness and bravery. We should treat them with respect and gratitude. We should not, however, welcome them with a bill for the cost of their food while they were hospitalized. The soldiers have already been asked to sacrifice a great deal—they have endured harsh conditions, separation from loved ones and at times, irreparable wounds and injuries. Thus, it is imperative that we show our utmost appreciation for the work that they do.

During my visit to Walter Reed, I could not help but marvel at the energy, tenacity and humility of these servicemen and women. These are some truly inspiring young men and women, performing with courage and distinction in tough circumstances. I urge my fellow colleagues to support H.R. 2998. We owe it to our troops, to honor their incredible sacrifices, and to let them know that the American people value their efforts and that we all stand behind them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday October 7, and Wednesday October 8, 2003, I was overseas on an official congressional delegation trip to Iraq and unable to have my vote recorded on the House floor.

Had I been able to vote I would have voted the following: Rollcall No. 532: "yes"; Rollcall No. 533: "yes"; Rollcall No. 534: "no"; Rollcall No. 535: "yes"; Rollcall No. 536: "yes"; Rollcall No. 537: "yes"; Rollcall No. 538: "yes"; Rollcall No. 539: "yes."

PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM PAYING SUBSISTENCE CHARGES WHILE HOSPITALIZED

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 2998. Half way around the world, American men and women in the service of this country have once again heeded the call of duty. They bear