

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JAMES CHARLES REITER

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 2003*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of James Charles Reiter. The city of St. Paul, Minnesota lost a dear friend on October 7, 2003.

Jim Reiter was elected in 1998 to represent Ward 5 on St. Paul's City Council, but he always saw himself as just an "Average Joe." In my eyes, he was much more than average.

Council Member Reiter's service to St. Paul's North End went well beyond his career as an elected official. He worked hard to help provide for his family. Throughout his life, he was committed to his city and to improving the quality of life for his neighbors, friends and family. He brought dignity, hard work and humor to everything he did.

Jim Reiter went to great lengths to protect and serve his community to the best of his ability. Perhaps the best example was his insistence on patrolling North End neighborhoods in a surplus St. Paul Police car. While some joked about his actions, Reiter truly believed in strong community partnerships with the police.

Above all else, Jim Reiter was a committed husband and father. He worked tirelessly, sometimes two jobs at a time, to send his children to school. His family will miss a wonderful, loving family man.

Council Member Reiter's friends and neighbors in St. Paul will miss his leadership and charisma.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in remembering James Charles Reiter, a devoted public servant.

My thoughts and prayers are with Darlene, his loving wife of 46 years; their five children: Deborah, Linda, Jean, James Jr., and Kristine; as well as four grandchildren: Michelle, Danielle, Michael and Kristine.

RECOGNIZING KANAWHA SCALES & SYSTEMS

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 2003*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Kanawha Scales & Systems in Pocahontas, West Virginia to recognize their receiving the 2003 Governor's Award for Excellence in Exporting, and for the tremendous impact they have had on West Virginia's economy.

Over the years Kanawha Scales & Systems has steadily evolved from a weighing equipment service company into a fully integrated corporation, providing engineering solutions for a wide variety of systems. Kanawha Scales and Systems has grown to over 200 employees with branch offices and subsidiary compa-

nies in twelve different cities throughout the United States.

As the company has grown and prospered, a focus on exporting has developed. The company's growth has extended to include custom solutions on an international basis with successful installations in Canada, South America, The People's Republic of China and Australia. Because of the emphasis on exporting and the benefits this brings to West Virginia, Kanawha Scales & Systems has been selected to receive the 2003 Governor's Award for Excellence in Exporting.

The awards were established in 1983 and are presented by the Governor and the Export Council of West Virginia to honor companies and business professionals for their leadership and success in the state's exporting efforts.

I commend Kanawha Scales & Systems for their commitment to economic growth for West Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognition of Kanawha Scales & Systems.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL STONE, SAND, AND GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

SPEECH OF

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 280, "Recognizing the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association for 100 years of service." I was pleased to cosponsor this resolution because over the past 100 years the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (NSSGA) has made valuable and lasting contributions to our nation's infrastructure and economy, and improved the quality of life for all of our citizens.

As a developer and member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I know first-hand how important this industry is to the continued growth of our nation. Aggregates are an integral building material used in a variety of construction projects from roads, airport runways, railroad beds, and sidewalks to homes and skyscrapers. It is one of the oldest and most versatile building materials on earth and its numerous benefits include high energy efficiency and durability against natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, and extreme winds.

In addition to its contributions to quality growth, the aggregates industry has helped to enhance our nation's economy through the creation of jobs and wealth. For every new dollar of output in the aggregates industry, an additional \$1.58 is generated in the U.S. economy. The industry contributes \$37.6 billion to America's Gross Domestic Product and supports 284,090 jobs in all sectors of the economy with personal earnings totaling \$10.74 bil-

lion. In 2001 alone, over three billion tons of aggregates were produced at a value of over \$14.5 billion—a significant contribution by all accounts.

Companies responsible for the production of aggregates also make important contributions to the communities in which they operate. Currently, there is a quarry or sand and gravel pit in almost every county in the United States. Their proximity near a community significantly reduces costs for residential, commercial and industrial buildings and street, road and highway construction projects. When the mines and quarries have utilized the resources available to them, the operation sites can easily be reclaimed by the local community and converted into residential, commercial or industrial properties, parks, recreation areas, storm water management facilities or farmland.

Aggregates could not have become the nation's construction material of choice without the significant contributions of NSSGA. NSSGA is depended upon by many organizations, including agencies of the federal government, for crucial work in standards development for aggregate design, construction, and repair. Without all NSSGA has achieved over the past century, our nation would surely be disadvantaged structurally and economically.

I appreciate the continued commitment and service NSSGA has contributed to our nation over the past 100 years and look forward to working with them further as we seek to build a better America in the 21st century.

HONORING BROTHER ANSELM ALLEN FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 2003*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brother Anselm Allen, of Subiaco, AR, for his exceptional volunteer service and lifetime of dedication as a weather observer. The National Weather Service is presenting Brother Allen with the esteemed John Campanius Holm Award.

Since 1965, Brother Anselm has been collecting weather observations at the New Subiaco Abbey as the official Cooperative Weather Observer at Subiaco, AR. Established in 1897, the New Subiaco Abbey has provided weather data for well over 100 years, and received an award in 1997 for 100 years of service. Boasting the longest tenure of any observer at the New Subiaco Abbey, Brother Anselm was awarded the 40 Year Length of Service Award in August of 2001 by the National Weather Service.

No stranger to awards, Brother Anselm is being presented with the John Campanius Holm Award. This award aims to single out terrific volunteer service as a weather observer and honor extraordinary dedication to the National Weather Service. In total, there

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are 11,000 weather observers in the United States, and only 25 people per year receive this high honor.

Brother Anselm's daily weather reports are known for their precision and timeliness and are very much appreciated. Data collected by Brother Anselm is sent on a monthly basis to the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, NC. The information is then published in NOAA's Climatological Data, where it becomes a permanent record of the world's weather.

Additionally, Brother Anselm uses his amateur radio skills to deliver information to the National Weather Service when severe weather threatens the area.

I am so pleased to have the opportunity to properly recognize Brother Anselm Allen before the United States Congress for his outstanding example of dedication and volunteer efforts to the National Weather Service. Please join me in congratulating Brother Anselm on his receipt of the John Campanius Holm Award.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 2003*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, November 4, I was in Kentucky, tending to official business, and was not present for rollcall votes No. 602 and 603. The votes were on House Concurrent Resolutions 176 and 94, respectively. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both measures.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 2003*

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during today's rollcall votes on H. Con. Res. 176, supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Planning Week, and H. Con. Res. 94, the Direct Support Professional Recognition Resolution. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on both resolutions.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2691, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

##### HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 30, 2003*

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say that I will be voting for H.R. 2691, the fiscal year 2003 Interior Appropriations Conference Report, but doing so with some reluctance. This report includes a provision that keeps the Department of Interior from performing its legal responsibility to conduct a complete accounting of the individual Indian trust. I voted to strike a similar provision in the

FY 2003 Interior Appropriations bill, which was stripped from the House-passed bill, and I am disappointed that it has reemerged in the conference report.

I understand the Committee's concern for the Cobell v. Norton class action lawsuit, which has been stalled for years with no satisfactory end in sight. We should certainly take aggressive steps to ensure that this case moves forward. However, I do not believe that Congress should circumvent due process by attaching this rider to the Interior Appropriations bill.

Ultimately, Mr. Speaker, I am concerned that this provision sends a terrible message to Indian country that the Federal Government is not committed to working in close consultation with the tribes on issues such as trust reform, or for that matter, ensuring that they have their day in court.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 2003*

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded on rollcall numbers 602 and 603. I was unavoidably detained and was not present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall numbers 602 and 603.

#### TRIBUTE TO PFC JAMES AARON BOOZER

##### HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 2003*

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Private First Class James Aaron Boozer of Denham Springs, Louisiana. PFC Boozer serves in the 82nd Airborne, 173 Brigade. While serving in Iraq, PFC Boozer suffered grave injuries, and is under the care of the staff at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC.

It is because of people such as PFC Boozer that we continue to live safe and secure. America's men and women who answer the call of service and wear our Nation's uniform deserve respect and recognition for the enormous burden that they willingly bear. Because of these folks, our Nation remains free and strong in the face of danger.

On behalf of the people of Louisiana, I would like to thank PFC Boozer for his service to our country and I wish him a full and speedy recovery.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 2003*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, due to an unexpected illness, I was unable to vote on rollcall votes 590 to 599. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

On rollcall vote 590, agreeing to the journal, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 591, the motion to recommit the conference report on H.R. 2115, the FAA Reauthorization Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 592, agreeing to the conference report on H.R. 2115, the FAA Reauthorization Act, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 593, H. Res. 409, repudiating anti-Semitic remarks expressed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 594, the motion to recommit the conference report on H.R. 2691, the Interior Appropriations Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 595, agreeing to the conference report on H.R. 2691, the Interior Appropriations Act, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 596, H. Con. Res. 302, expressing the sense of Congress in welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 597, H. Res. 421, the martial law rule for same day consideration of the conference report of H.R. 3289, the Supplemental Appropriations Act of FY2004, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 598, the Johnson motion to instruct conferees on the conference report of H.R. 6, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 599, the Davis motion to instruct conferees on the conference report of H.R. 1, the Medicare Prescription Drug Act, I would have voted "aye."

I ask for unanimous consent that this be inserted into the RECORD.

#### HONORING SPENCER VENEER LLC

##### HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 2003*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Spencer Veneer LLC of Spencer, West Virginia for being awarded a 2003 Export Achievement Certificate in recognition of an increased focus on exporting.

The Export Achievement Certificate was created to recognize small and medium-sized enterprises that have successfully entered the international marketplace for the first time or that have successfully entered a new market.

As our economy continues to become more global, it is important for industries of all types to develop relationships and ties in the international community. As the West Virginia economy diversifies, Spencer Veneer LLC has taken major steps forward to promote the Mountain State and all it has to offer to the world economy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognition of Spencer Veneer LLC.

#### GOVERNOR SID McMATH, A MAN OF HONOR

##### HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 2003*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to acknowledge the life and legacy of former Arkansas Governor Sid McMath, a statesman, a leader, a veteran, and a true gentleman who