

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE JAVITS-WAGNER-O'DAY PROGRAM

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program for their strong portrayal of public service and dedication to the blind and severely disabled.

For the past 64 years JWOD has provided 38,000 disabled Americans with opportunity, incentive, and employment. Through this program, dedicated employees provide federal and military consumers with a wide array of SKILCRAFT and other high JWOD products and services.

In addition, JWOD provides a plethora of product categories that include office supplies, military specific, safety, maintenance, repair, medical-surgical, janitorial-sanitation, and customization. JWOD also provides many service to the federal and military customers that include call center and switchboard operations, military base and federal office building supply centers, CD-Rom duplication-replication, data entry, document imaging, and grounds care.

I commend Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program and the opportunities it provides for an under-employed category of deserving citizens. Furthermore, due to the exceptional quality and socioeconomic benefits of the program I urge my colleagues to purchase SKILCRAFT and JWOD products from the Capitol Hill Office Supply Store.

The JWOD Program is administered by the president-appointed Committee For Purchase From People Who are Blind and Disabled, assisted by National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH, who work in co-operation with more than 650 non-profit agencies to ensure disabled persons receive quality employment.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my warmest gratitude to the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program for their admirable contributions to Fairfax County, Virginia. The program is distinguished through their devotion on disabled citizens and community service. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding their achievements and supporting their cause.

RECOGNITION OF ANDREW MICHAEL PEPPER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew Michael Pepper, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of

America, Troop 121, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in such scout activities as camp Geiger. Over the 11 years he has been involved in scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as librarian, scribe, instructor, patrol leader and senior patrol leader. Andrew also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements with such awards as Junior Leader Training Award and the Bronze Eagle Palm Award.

For his Eagle Scout project, Andrew constructed an ornamental flower garden at the main entrance of Simpson park in Chillicothe, MO.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew Michael Pepper for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING MR. JOHN ISSAC LEE OF HICKOX, GA

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to honor Mr. John Isaac Lee today. Mr. Lee is a champion of education as well as a devoted husband and father. John is the longest serving member of the Brantley County Board of Education and will be retiring after 36 years of service at the end of this term. It is for his service to the State of Georgia and the people of Brantley County that I wish to thank him, and I can think of no better place to honor him, than within these great walls of the U.S. House of Representatives.

John Lee was first nominated to be on the Brantley County Board of Education by Mrs. Mabel Moody and elected by grand jury on October 1, 1968. From that time until now, he has served in this capacity continuously, with not one break in service. In fact, during his 34 year tenure, he has missed only one regularly scheduled meeting; which was when he decided that he would attend his son's graduation from the University of Georgia. Mr. Lee has believed in his commitment to the students that he served. It is only fitting that when John decided to have hip replacement surgery on both of his hips, he made sure that the surgery and recovery would not conflict with any of his duties as a board member.

The students and teachers that live in Brantley County all know how wonderful Mr. Lee is, Mr. Speaker. But probably none know as well as his family that loves him so dearly. In addition to being a county school board member, John Lee was married to Mrs. Eula Mae Herrin for 58 years before she passed away, unfortunately, on October 16, 1998. Together they raised 3 sons and 3 daughters, and John is the proud grandfather of 15

grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. They can all be proud of John and join with me in celebrating his life and thanking him for his tireless service.

It is hard to imagine that someone could commit 36 years of their life to one cause and do it so well. But John Lee has done that as a member of the Brantley County education board, and he has done it with great humility. I am glad that Mr. Lee will now be able to relax and enjoy his life as a simple farmer, which is his natural profession, having farmed all of his life. He is a deacon and member of Hickox Baptist Church, and it is high time that he be able to enjoy the days in Hickox, GA. He has earned his time to rest, and the entire State of Georgia is indebted to him and his service. Thank you John Lee, you have meant more to the people of Brantley County than you could know, and you will never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO SAM H. BOYCE

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan and an outstanding citizen. I am proud to recognize Sam Boyce in the U.S. Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to his community, his state and his nation.

Sam showed signs of the talent, determination and achievement that have been the hallmarks of his career at an early age, when he graduated valedictorian from Tuckerman High School in 1949. After receiving a bachelor of science in journalism from the University of Arkansas, Sam served his country in the Armed Forces, rising to the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps.

In 1958, Sam graduated with his law degree from the University of Arkansas. Since then, Sam used his legal acumen to champion the rights of Arkansans in the legal system and to assume a leading role on two issues of particular importance to the people of Arkansas: worker's compensation and Social Security. During his career, he co-chaired United Labor of Arkansas, chaired the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Worker's Compensation section and served on the Legislative Ad Hoc committee on Worker's Compensation Reform. His work on Social Security issues includes chairing the Social Security Committee of the Arkansas Bar Association and his continuing service on the Executive Committee of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants Representatives.

Above all, Sam's career has centered on service and leadership. In the 1960's, Sam twice ran for statewide office, including a gubernatorial bid in 1966. Later, Sam was a member of the Arkansas Bar Association House of Delegates and continues to serve on the Board of Governors of the Arkansas Trial Lawyers.

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He's a man who has truly used his talents and abilities, particularly his legal expertise, to benefit the people in his community and across Arkansas. He has made life better and richer for all—like me—who were lucky enough to call him a friend. On behalf of Congress, I pay tribute to Sam Boyce for his tireless service to the people of Arkansas and the United States.

HONORING INOVA MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL, THE MOUNT VERNON-LEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR, 2002

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, which was named the 2002 Large Business of the Year from the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce.

Having served its community with steadfast dedication for over 25 years, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital is well deserving of this recognition. Since 1977, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital has been devoted to providing quality health care services in the most customer-friendly service environment possible.

In 2002 the hospital implemented its "Service Excellence—Straight From the Heart" focus to provide all staff, volunteers, and physicians additional tools to meet and exceed the service expectations of their patients. This new service campaign produced fantastic results, with inpatient and outpatient satisfaction increasing substantially.

In the interest of promoting health and wellness, the hospital regularly offers free blood pressure screenings and each fall provides an opportunity for community members to receive flu shots. Health fairs and free health screenings are frequently offered as well. Through these activities, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital has clearly established itself as a prominent and vital member of the Northern Virginia business and health care communities.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I call upon my colleagues to join me in congratulating Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and its staff for their many achievements, and wish them continued success in the future.

NAGORNO KARABAKH 15TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak today to extend my congratulations to the people of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, who are celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Karabakh Movement for Independence. On February 20, 1988, the Legislature of Nagorno Karabakh, officially petitioned the then-Soviet Union to reunite with their ethnic compatriots in Armenia. The people

of Nagorno Karabakh struggled bravely and selflessly in the face of tremendous institutionalized violence and oppression orchestrated by succeeding totalitarian governments. Despite years of ethnic cleansing, forced economic discrimination and state-sponsored violence and intimidation, residents of Nagorno Karabakh, 96 percent of whom are Armenian, never strayed in their struggle for independence. It wasn't until the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the cold war that they were to get their wish, but not without cost. Armed conflict engulfed the region in the early 1990s, but a fragile peace has not taken hold.

It is for these reasons that I urge my colleagues to take this historic opportunity, inspired by the anniversary of their most recent struggle to live in freedom and the free and transparent elections they have held since 1996, to support this fledgling democracy. The people of Nagorno Karabakh are to be congratulated for their perseverance and resolve in their struggle for self-determination on this 15th anniversary. I hope that this Congress will continue to assist them in the continued development of their new democracy, which serves as a beacon of hope to oppressed people seeking democracy around the globe.

NATIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATIONS WEEK

HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to introduce to my colleagues a resolution establishing a National Visiting Nurse Associations Week. Serving communities around the country for over 120 years, congressional recognition and gratitude for these nonprofit home health agencies is long over due. Currently, they are composed of 500 different associations and care for over 4,000,000 patients each year, many of whom are chronically ill and unable to pay medical expenses.

In a country crippled with staggering health care and medical costs, the Visiting Nurse Association continually and successfully works to achieve its mission of cost-effective and compassionate home and community-based health care to individuals regardless of the individuals' condition or ability to pay for services. They are a leading provider of mass immunizations in the Medicare program and constitute over 50 percent of all Medicaid home health admissions. The association relies heavily upon volunteer nurses and reinvests any budget surplus into charity care, adult day care centers, wellness clinics, Meals-on-Wheels, and immunization programs.

This resolution would designate the second full week in February as National Visiting Nurse Associations Week in order to increase public awareness of the charity-based organization. They unquestionably deserve recognition for their noble services and by establishing this resolution Congress would support the continuation of their mission.

I am proud to recognize these invaluable contributions of our VNA's by cosponsoring this legislation.

RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, CHAPTER 307, ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 307 of St. Joseph, Missouri on this, their 50th Anniversary.

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees is dedicated to protecting the earned retirement benefits of Federal employees, retirees and their survivors. The organization was founded in 1921 by fourteen Federal employees and has grown over the years to more than 400,000 Federal and Postal employees, retirees, spouses and survivors.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Chapter 307 for their accomplishments with the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and in congratulating them on their 50th anniversary.

HONORING THE MOUNT VERNON VOICE, THE MOUNT VERNON-LEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR, 2002

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the Mount Vernon Voice, which has recently been named the 2002 New Business of the Year by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce.

The Voice, founded by Marlene Miller and Steve Hunt, is a weekly newspaper dedicated to providing complete community coverage of the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts and the City of Alexandria. Having celebrated its one-year anniversary in January 2003, the Mount Vernon Voice has already proven to be a good neighbor and an invaluable member of its community.

Being the only newspaper located in the community, it serves and is staffed by residents of the area. Additionally, the Voice is proud to sponsor numerous community events and organizations, including Mount Vernon Community Day, the Mount Vernon Orchestra, Lee District Nights, educational forums on local public schools, the Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival, the Animal Welfare League's Canine games, and many more community functions.

Located in the heart of the 11th District of Virginia, the Mount Vernon Voice has established itself as a vital member of the Northern Virginia community.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I call upon my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Mount Vernon Voice and its staff for their many achievements, and wish them continued success in their future endeavors.