

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF BURT ADERHOLT, HERO OF THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Burt Aderholt, a hero of our first war on terrorism in Afghanistan. Sergeant Aderholt of Auburn, AL, was wounded on January 16, 2003, during an attack on a patrol in western Afghanistan. His unit came under small-arms fire 23 miles southeast of the town of Shindand, and Sergeant Aderholt had to be evacuated to Germany and then to Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital. He has undergone a number of surgeries.

Sergeant Aderholt was born in Jacksonville, AL, where his paternal grandparents still live. His family moved to Auburn when he was 13 years old so that his father could take a teaching position at Auburn University. His maternal grandparents (the Burts) also live in Auburn.

Sergeant Aderholt's military career did not begin with the Army. Following graduation from high school, he joined the Navy and eventually began training as a Navy Seal. He was unable to complete the final round of training and returned home. Sergeant Aderholt then joined the Alabama National Guard and again moved into one of the most rigorous specialties when he joined the 20th Special Forces Unit. He has always pushed himself in the service to excel. His desire to serve his country in the armed forces is shared by his sister, Katy, who is now overseas with the Army.

I salute Staff Sergeant Burt Aderholt and individuals like him who are serving their country by fighting for freedom overseas.

CALLING ATTENTION TO THE RISKS OF HEART DISEASE FOR WOMEN

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a major health problem facing American women—heart disease.

Heart disease, is the number one killer of women in the United States, killing more than 250,000 women a year. This is 10 times as many women as those who die from breast cancer.

Heart attacks in women can often lead to other significant health problems like heart failure, stroke, and sudden cardiac death.

Poor eating habits, lack of exercise, high cholesterol and smoking are just a few of the risk factors that cause heart disease.

It is important that all women get screened and take the necessary steps to prevent this deadly disease.

We must work to encourage women in our districts to see their doctor regularly and learn healthy habits that may save them from heart disease.

HONORING LEO TOCA

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Leo Toca, a highly respected and influential Vice President of JP Morgan Chase. Today he is honored by Molloy College at its annual St. Martin de Porres Minority Scholarship Dinner Dance, for being a strong community leader. As the Community Relations Program Manager for JP Morgan Chase Leo manages programs such as the Community Advisory Board, Baseball Is for Kids and In-Kind Donation Program.

Leo has initiated many programs to improve the way of life in communities. He, along with other organizations, started the first childcare load program to help home-based childcare providers. Also, he was the first loan officer at Chase to cater to under-served communities while determining which mortgage producers were best for these communities.

In his free time, Leo maintains his community activism in a wide variety of organizations. These include the Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Long Island Housing Partnership, and the Urban League.

I congratulate Leo on receiving this honor and applaud him for his dedication to our community. I thank him on behalf of the people of not only the 4th Congressional District but the rest of Nassau and Suffolk County who benefited from his hard work and commitment.

GREG AND DIANNE FRITZ

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Greg and Dianne Fritz on the occasion of receiving Mariposa County's Businessman and Businesswoman of the Year Award. The Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce will honor Dianne and Greg on April 11, 2003 at the Best Western—Yosemite Way Station in Mariposa, California.

The Fritz Family moved to Mariposa in November of 1994 from Sacramento, California. Greg was Vice President of a Fortune 500 Construction Company and Dianne managed a Carl's Jr. Restaurant. Greg and Dianne have always been best friends, and their mutual success and friendship led them to open their

own business. They stopped at the real estate office in Mariposa and found the Happy Burger restaurant was for sale. After eating there, they purchased the restaurant and opened the doors under their new ownership on January 3, 1995. After seeking input from their customers, they began revising and expanding their menu which is now said to be one of the largest menus in the Sierras.

Dianne has been re-elected as the 2003 President of the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce. She is involved in the Clean & Proud Mariposa Committee, Mariposa Airport Steering Committee, and is working with the Board of Supervisors on the Mariposa Town Advisory Task Force. Greg is active on the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce and is also involved with Business Owners of Mariposa. They support several church and civic fundraisers, sponsor youth sports programs, and donate to area schools.

Greg and Dianne are planning to expand the menu and have recently changed their name to the Happy Burger Diner. They often hire youth so that they can experience real work ethics which will help to prepare them for their futures. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz work extremely hard, putting in a minimum of sixteen hours a day, to make their business a success.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Greg and Dianne Fritz for their outstanding dedication and devotion to their business and their community. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Greg and Dianne many years of success.

CONGRATULATING MRS. PEGGY SAVAGE DUNN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Peggy Savage Dunn on being named the 2003 Michigan Elementary Science Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Science Teachers' Association. Her commitment to instilling a passion for learning in her students serves as an example for all teachers to follow.

One of Mrs. Dunn's greatest achievements was the design and creation of an outdoor classroom at Central Elementary School in Okemos, Michigan. The project took three years to implement and involved securing multiple grants and community support. The outdoor classroom is a garden area filled with various flowers and plants that serves as habitat for several animal and insect species. All students and educators at the school have the opportunity to use the outdoor classroom to enhance their studies. It was recently distinguished with the title of a "schoolyard habitat" by the National Wildlife Foundation.

Mrs. Dunn is also committed to furthering the use of technology among her pupils. She

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maintains a class website every year. On her website, her students can find posted assignments and lessons. Furthermore, she updates the page with the class' activities and work for others to view.

Mr. Speaker, Peggy Savage Dunn's dedication to advancing science in elementary education is evident to all those around her. Earning the 2003 Michigan Elementary Science Teacher of the Year award is a well-deserved honor. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her worthy achievement and her commitment to excellence in education.

HONORING JERRY A. STANPHILL,
RECIPIENT OF 2002 GEICO PUBLIC
SERVICE AWARD FOR PHYSICAL
REHABILITATION

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jerry A. Stanphill, the recipient of the 2002 GEICO Public Service Award for Physical Rehabilitation.

The GEICO Public Service Awards were established 23 years ago to honor active and retired federal employees for their selfless and generous contributions in the fields of substance abuse prevention and treatment, fire prevention and safety, physical rehabilitation, and traffic safety and accident prevention. Mr. Stanphill was chosen as the absolute best from an outstanding field of federal employees nominated in the field of Physical Rehabilitation.

Jerry Stanphill is a physical security specialist with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), where he provides leadership and guidance to the DLA field activities on law enforcement and security issues. One of his many duties is to conduct antiterrorism vulnerability assessments for many DLA activities in order to safeguard DLA personnel, equipment and facilities. In the post 9/11 world, there is no more vital responsibility.

Not only has Mr. Stanphill achieved many career accomplishments, he has also dedicated much of his time and energy to the Special Olympics. He has served as a volunteer coach, program coordinator, referee, and chaperone with the Special Olympics in communities all over America. Fortunately, Northern Virginia is now the recipient of this man's service. Over the past 11 years he has helped coach over 400 Special Olympic athletes with the emphasis on their motto: "Let me win, but if I cannot, let me be brave in the attempt."

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to Mr. Stanphill on his 2002 GEICO Public Service Award. Northern Virginia is proud to have such a distinguished citizen in the community. Mr. Speaker, I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding this remarkable citizen.

IN HONOR OF TEDDY, A BULL
MASTIFF FROM SANTA ANA,
CALIFORNIA

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Teddy, a bull mastiff from Santa Ana, for winning Best of Breed at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City, which was held on February 10 and 11, 2003.

The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show was initiated 120 years ago to increase an interest in dogs, and thus improve the breeds. The dog show lasts 2 days and is held annually in New York City.

The competition features entries from every state and many from Canada and other countries as well. Approximately a quarter of a million dogs have been in competition at Westminster's shows.

Teddy was among 2,500 dogs that participated in this year's show.

As a pet owner and animal lover, I truly appreciate the love and joy that animals provide.

I am very proud of Teddy and owner Carol Beans for their wonderful achievement. I wish them continued success in future competitions.

HONORING EDWARD G. LLOYD

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Edward G. Lloyd, a well-respected leader in the not-for-profit organization community. Today he is honored by Molloy College at its annual St. Martin de Porres Minority Scholarship Dinner Dance for his leadership in the non-profit community.

As the senior vice president of operations and chief financial officer of the United States Fund for UNICEF (USF), Edward is responsible for all financial accounting, human resources, and all administrative support operations for the USF. He also serves on a three-person committee charged with the strategic management of the USF.

Before joining USF Edward was executive vice president and chief financial officer of the nation's largest community building organization, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC).

Although Edward is extremely busy, he still finds time to help the community in other areas. He is a board member of the United Enterprise Fund, chairman of the Business Resource Investment Service Center (BRISC), and sits on the Board of the New York Metropolitan Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

I congratulate Edward on receiving this honor and applaud his devotion to helping others. He dedicates himself to improving the lives of others and I thank him for this on behalf of the people of not only the 4th Congressional District but the best of New York who benefited from his hard work and dedication.

HONORING STATE SENATOR
CHUCK S. POOCHIGIAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize State Senator Chuck S. Poochigian on the occasion of being voted "Man of the Year" by the Armenian National Committee of Central California. The banquet honoring Senator Poochigian will be held Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Hall in Fresno, California.

Chuck Poochigian was born in Fresno, California, in 1949, as a third generation resident of the San Joaquin Valley. He received his degree in Business Administration from California State University, Fresno in 1972, and his law degree from the University of Santa Clara in 1975. Mr. Poochigian served as a member of the California Air National Guard for six years. He practiced general civil and business law from 1975 until November of 1988, at which time he was chosen, by then-Governor George Deukmejian, to serve as the Chief Deputy Appointments Secretary on the Governor's senior staff. Chuck assisted the Governor in the selection of key administration officials. In 1991, Governor Pete Wilson named Chuck as his Appointment Secretary, where he served until his election to the State Assembly in 1994.

Senator Poochigian's reputation for strong leadership and hard work was recognized by California Journal magazine, which ranked him as the Assembly Republican "Rookie of the Year" for 1996. In 2000, Chuck was chosen "Outstanding Senator" by the California State Sheriffs' Association, and received the "Legislator of the Year" Award from the California State Student Association, as well as the California Network of Educational Charters.

Senator Poochigian has received renowned recognition for his assistance in passing important public safety legislation and a transportation package which will significantly benefit local communities. His expertise in business and agriculture in California, and his belief in fair and limited taxation with minimal government regulation, have made him a beloved leader and respected member of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize State Senator Chuck S. Poochigian for his meritorious defense of the Central Valley communities of California. His standards and morals are those of a true genuine leader. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending Chuck for his service and hard work and in wishing him many years of continued success.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR.
LAWRENCE A. BASS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Lawrence A. Bass on being named the recipient of the 2003 Sparrow Founder's Award, the highest