

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JOE SHOVELS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Shovels as he retires from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint. Joe has worked for the organization for 39 years. A party in his honor will be held on April 30th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Joe began his career working for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint after graduating from Michigan State University. A lifelong caseworker with the organization, Joe stayed dedicated to this vital job ever since his graduation. His dedication to ensuring that the children are provided for is legendary. Going above and beyond has been a hallmark of his career. The longest serving employee with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint, Joe has characterized his work as a ministry instead of a job.

His attitude toward children has garnered recognition from his peers and from the community. Big Brothers Big Sisters has named him Caseworker of the Year. In February, Priority Children gave him the Roy E. Peterson Caring Adult Award for his steadfastness to bettering the lives of the children in the Flint community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint will inaugurate an award to be given to their employees and volunteers called the "Good Joe Award" in his honor. The kickoff for this award will take place at a dinner to be held later this month.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Joe Shovels on an exceptional career and a job well done. The children of Genesee County have benefited from his conscientiousness, his compassion, and his commitment to improving their lives.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH GREAVES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Elizabeth Greaves has devoted herself to serving others through her membership in the Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Greaves has shared her time and talent with the community in which she resides; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Greaves has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Greaves must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award;

Therefore, I join with the Girl Scouts, the residents of Granville and the entire 18th Con-

gressional District in congratulating Elizabeth Greaves as she receives the Girl Scout Gold Award.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS' 11TH ANNUAL NATIONAL FOOD DRIVE

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my constituents and everyone across America to participate in the National Association of Letter Carriers' 11th Annual National Food Drive, which will take place on May 10th of this year. Every year, on the second Saturday of May, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) collects non-perishable goods that generous people have donated to those in need.

Those interested in donating should place a non-perishable food item near their mailboxes or bring it to their local post office. All of the donations will be distributed to local food banks, shelters, and pantries to help people in need in the local community. This is a great opportunity to share with people right in our local communities.

Over the past ten years, the NALC has collected over half of a billion pounds of food for those less fortunate. In 2002 alone, over 60 million pounds of food was collected. Nearly 1,500 offices of the NALC—in every state in the nation—will be involved in the drive. In fact, it is part of the largest one day food drive in the nation. This is an impressive record. I hope that everyone who is able to participate will contribute what they can, and that this year's food drive will be the most successful ever.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 22ND ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNER, MS. ELISE BAKER

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Miss Elise Baker, first-place winner of the 2003 Congressional Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery". This unique competition provides Members with the opportunity to showcase the artistic achievements of high school students within their districts, thereby acknowledging our Nation's gifted young artists. Since the first competition in 1982, nearly 5,000 local contests have been conducted, involving more than 650,000 high school students. In its 22nd year, the competition has recognized Ms. Elise Baker for her outstanding artistic talent.

Elise was born at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on March 31, 1986. The daughter of Don and Susan Baker, Elise also has a 12-year-old brother, Robby. For her elementary education, she attended St. Paul Lutheran School, where she developed a serious interest in art. Since enrolling at A.D. Henderson University School of Florida Atlantic University for middle school, she has taken a number of honors art classes and has been awarded as an outstanding art student on several occasions. Elise is currently a Junior at Grandview Preparatory School in Boca Raton, Florida.

Elise's interests are not limited to the realm of art, and she has energetically pursued numerous extra-curricular activities. Fostering a lifelong love of dance, Elise began her formal dance education at the Dance Academy of Boca Raton during pre-school. She has studied ballet, jazz, tap, and modern dance and has performed in many student talent competitions over the years. She has furthermore been a member of the South Florida Youth Ballet, a repertory company which put on many performances in Palm Beach County, and has danced with the Miami City Ballet in "The Nutcracker" at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach. Her colorful dancing background undoubtedly contributed to her leadership as captain of the Grandview Cheerleading Team during the past two years of high school. She has attended several Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) instructional camps, from which she has been honored with various awards, including the opportunity to perform a cheerleading routine during the New Year's Day Parade in London, England in 2003. Last summer, Elise completed Culver Military Academy's six-week program in Culver, Indiana and earned her Tuxis Medal.

Today, Elise enjoys babysitting and performing volunteer work in her spare time. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton and actively participates in their Youth Group, as well as other youth-oriented activities in the area.

Elise's natural gift for art runs in her family, as she is the great grand-niece of Edward Buyck, a famous artist from Albany, New York, who is renowned for his pre-inaugural portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 and for his countless works presently on display at the Governor's office in Albany and in the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C.

As Elise's art teacher at Grandview, Mr. Robert Williams, said, "'A' talent and hard work pay off." We would like to recognize both Elise's talent and hard work and congratulate her on winning this year's competition. We also wish her the best of luck in her pursuit of artistic studies in college, which she plans on continuing, particularly in the fields of decorating and fashion design.

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QUOTA CLUBS INTERNATIONAL IN
TEMPLE CITY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Temple City chapter of the Quota Clubs International and the men and women who have shaped the club into the influential force that it is today in the San Gabriel Valley. For over 50 years, the Quotarians of Temple City have provided immeasurable support to the city, fully living up to their stated purpose: "To serve country and community."

Among the many events in which the Quota Club has participated is the City's annual Camellia festival and youth parade, an event that celebrates Temple City's rich history and culture. Other events demonstrate the Quotarians' commitment to excellence in our youth: they have sponsored student trips to Washington, D.C., supported teacher exchanges, and have helped in the purchase of band uniforms.

The main focus of the Quota Club has been its service in education, testing, and aid to the hearing impaired. Over the years, they have provided no less than five help dogs to the deaf and have immeasurably improved the lives of those they have assisted.

These incredible achievements have been made possible by the upstanding members of the Quota Club, who exemplify the best in our communities. The club boasts among its members five former Temple City Chamber of Commerce presidents, including Penny Graham, the first woman to hold that office, Mary Lou Swain, another member, was the first woman to be elected to the City Council of Temple City.

Through the efforts of such organizations as the Quota Club and the individuals that comprise them, we can make real the ideals set forth in the Quota Club's charter: righteousness, justice, international understanding, and good will. It is for their tremendous efforts toward realizing these ideals that I ask all Members of Congress to stand with me today and salute the men and women of the Quota Club of Temple City.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
KELLY HELLER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Kelly Heller has devoted herself to serving others through her membership in the Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, Kelly Heller has shared her time and talent with the community in which she resides; and

Whereas, Kelly Heller has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Kelly Heller must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award;

Therefore, I join with the Girl Scouts, the residents of Coshocton and the entire 18th

Congressional District in congratulating Kelly Heller as she receives the Girl Scout Gold Award.

RUMOR MILL BAKERY

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and praise the singular vision of a family business in my district whose proprietors understand the value of service. John and Tona Henderson own The Rumor Mill Bakery at 4th and Washington Streets in Emmett, Idaho. Tona does all the baking for the shop, which has become known for its patriotic spirit as well as its pastries.

One day in July 2002, six gentlemen from the community met for their usual coffee and conversation when the idea came up of putting photographs on the walls of local veterans and active duty military personnel. Tona approved, and made theirs the first photographs to go up. More than 100 photos have since been added to the walls of The Rumor Mill Bakery, and Tona has a story to go with each and every one. The tears in her eyes reveal the heartfelt patriotism and pride she feels in sharing each tale. Tona hopes someday to completely cover the walls of her business with the images of American heroes, past and present. Her expression of support for community and country is an inspiration to everyone who stops by The Rumor Mill Bakery. I'm proud to represent the Hendersons, as well as the men and women of our Armed Forces who are honored on their walls.

TRIBUTE TO OATS VOLUNTEERS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to OATS, Inc., an organization that provides transportation to Missouri's rural areas through the use of volunteer service. Founded in 1971, OATS has continued to rely heavily on volunteers for fund raising, scheduling, and publicity.

The nation will commemorate the 30th annual National Volunteer Week, April 27–May 3, 2003, in recognition and celebration of volunteers at the state, local, and national level. The Week's theme, "Celebrate Volunteers—The Spirit of America!" reflects Americans' resolve to maintain the tradition of neighbor helping neighbor. Sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation, this annual event is an opportunity for organizations to take a moment to thank the many millions of volunteers all over America who donate their time to worthy causes.

In each of the counties that OATS serves, there is a County Support Committee comprised of 8–20 people in the community who volunteer on behalf of OATS. These volunteers serve as contacts, taking phone calls in their home from people who wish to schedule a ride; raise much of the funding needed to replace vehicles; and serve as media contacts,

helping get the word out about OATS and getting the bus schedules printed in the local papers. Last January, 639 people reported over 4,200 hours to OATS, which would cost \$46,634.16 if dollar value was assessed for the hours they gave.

Mr. Speaker, the OATS organization provides a valuable service to the people of rural Missouri. I know the Members of the House will join me in recognizing OATS and their volunteers for their many hours of commendable service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANGIE
BRIGGS OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP
4017

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award by Girl Scouts of the Mississippi Valley, Inc. in Rock Island, Illinois. She is Angie Briggs of Girl Scout Troop 4017.

She is being honored for earning the highest achievement award in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The Girl Scout Gold Award can be earned by girls ages 14–17 or in grades 9–12.

Girl Scouts of the USA, an organization serving over 2.6 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must fulfill five requirements: earn four interest project patches, earn the Career Exploration Pin, earn the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, earn the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, and design and implement a Girl Scout Gold project. A plan for fulfilling the requirements of the award is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

As a member of the Girl Scouts of the Mississippi Valley, Inc., Angie began working toward the Girl Scout Gold Award in August 2001. Angie created handmade books and toys for the children in a homeless shelter.

The earning of the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment for Angie and I believe she should receive the public recognition due her for this significant service to her community and her country.

IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF AL-
HAMBRA'S CENTENNIAL CELE-
BRATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of the City of Alhambra, California, as the city celebrates its centennial anniversary. Located eight miles east of downtown Los Angeles, Alhambra is often referred