# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING JOSEPH NOEL SACHATELLO III

### HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 11, 2003*

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an individual dedicated to public service, a leader in his community and an example to us all, the late Joseph Noel Sachatello III from Waterford, Connecticut, who died this month in the line of duty.

Joseph was a well-known and beloved member of the neighboring Montville (CT) police force. For him being a protector of the peace was the fulfillment of a lifelong dream, the pinnacle of a successful career in service to town, state, and country. His love for his work shown through his enthusiasm for his job.

In recognition of his service, his name will be carved into a memorial for police officers in Meriden, Connecticut. Joseph served my state and region faithfully. This honor is much earned. We will miss him.

At Joe's funeral, a company of 1,200 uniformed officers stood at attention, and more than 450 officers, friends, family and neighbors came to mourn his passing. Joe touched the lives of many individuals in his community. He was proud of whom he was and where be came from. And in his pride we found and will continue to find inspiration. It is men like Joe that move the men and women in this room to carry forth with their mission. So his passing is a tragedy but his life was a blessing. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I would encourage the Members of the House of Representatives to join me in heartfelt appreciation for this great man. I would also like to ask the House to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Joseph's parents, Joseph N. Sachatello Sr. and Elaine Geiger Sachatello as well as his wife, Lisa and their six-month old son, Anthony.

## TO EXPRESS THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE UNITED STATES' RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIVE HAWAIIANS

### HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 11, 2003*

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to clarify the political relationship between Native Hawaiians and the United States. This bill is identical to a bill being simultaneously introduced in the Senate by Senator DANIEL AKAKA and Senator DANIEL INOUYE. Representative ED CASE, from the Second District of Hawaii, is joining me as an original cosponsor on the introduction of this measure.

For years, Congress has legislated on behalf of Native Hawaiians as the aboriginal, indigenous, native peoples of Hawaii. This measure clarifies that political relationship and provides a process for Native Hawaiians to form a governing body to engage in a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

The United States has declared a special responsibility for the welfare of the Native peoples of the United States, including Native Hawaiians. This relationship has been acknowledged by the United States since the inception of Hawaii's status as a territory. This relationship was most explicitly affirmed by the enactment of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, which set aside 200,000 acres of land in Hawaii for homesteading by Native Hawaiians. Legislative history clearly shows that in addressing this situation, Congress based this action and subsequent legislation on the constitutional precedent in programs enacted for the benefit of American Indians.

Since Hawaii's admission into the Union, Congress has continued to legislate on behalf of Native Hawaiians as indigenous peoples. Native Hawaiians have been included as Native Americans in a number of federal statutes which have addressed the conditions of Native Hawaiians. Public Law 103–150, the Apology Resolution, extended an apology on behalf of the United States to the Native people of Hawaii for the United States' role in the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii. The Apology Resolution also expressed the commitment of Congress and the President to acknowledge the ramifications of the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii and to support reconciliation efforts between the United States and Native Hawaiians.

It is important to note that this measure has strong support from indigenous peoples within the United States. The National Congress of American Indians and Alaska Federation of Natives have both passed resolutions in support of a government-to-government relationship between Native Hawaiians and the United States. Similar resolutions have been passed by the Japanese American Citizens League and the National Education Association. The measure is also supported by the Hawaii State Legislature, which passed a number of resolutions supporting a federally recognized government-to-govenunent relationship.

The legislation being introduced today is important not only to Native Hawaiians, but to all the people of Hawaii. This measure provides the process to begin resolving many longstanding issues facing Hawaii's indigenous peoples and the State of Hawaii. In addressing these issues, we have begun a process of healing, a process of reconciliation not only with the United States but within the State of Hawaii. The essence of Hawaii is characterized not only by the beauty of its islands, but by the beauty of its people. The State of Hawaii has recognized, acknowledged and acted upon the need to preserve the culture, tradition, language and heritage of Hawaii's indigenous peoples. This measure furthers these actions.

## HONORING THE MEMORY OF MARTIN CUMMINGS

### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 11, 2003*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the memory of my late friend, Martin Cummings. Martin passed away on January 3 of this year. He was a wise man who counseled me on numerous occasions. I will truly miss him, as will his community of Wilson County, Tennessee.

Martin's pride for his community was obvious. He served on numerous civic organizations and boards, including the Wilson County Planning Commission where he served as chairman. In his capacity as planning commission chairman, Martin helped shaped Wilson County into a prosperous and attractive community.

He was a successful real estate professional who devoted much time and energy into everything he did. He received numerous awards from an appreciative real estate industry. His family especially reaped the rewards of his caring and generous nature. Martin and his wife, Camelia Rose, were married for nearly 51 years and had five children and six grandchildren. Martin has left a wonderful legacy.

I deeply admired Martin for his many accomplishments and his unselfish service to his community. His decency transcended both his public and private life. I am proud to have had Martin as a close friend. I will sorely miss that friendship and his sage advice.

## HONORING MARY MACRAE

### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 11, 2003*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, in almost 30 years of experience as a business, community, and political activist, Mary MacRae has given her best to virtually every endeavor and it shows.

As a successful business owner and president of the National Association of Women Business Owners, Mary is an advisor to Members of Congress and a mentor to entrepreneurs everywhere. Few others can lay claim to as long a list of accomplishments as Mary.

While at NAWBO, Mary helped found the Women's Resource Center, a source of training, counseling and technical assistance for start-up and existing women business owners in Tennessee. This single accomplishment has the potential to help thousands of women start and run a business. Mary exemplifies the value of public service and she does so with humility, grace, and plenty of hard work.

Tennessee and America are better for her determination and her service to others.

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