

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
ROBERT AND MARY ANN
HENDERSHOT

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, Robert and Mary Ann Hendershot are devoted parishioners of the Antrim United Methodist Church;

Whereas, Robert and Mary Ann have been acknowledged by the Antrim United Methodist Church for 72 years of good attendance;

Whereas, Robert and Mary Ann should be commended for their excellence, for their devotion to God, and for their ongoing dedication to both their Church and their fellow parishioners; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Robert and Mary Ann for this outstanding accomplishment.

IN HONOR OF NANCY BASTIDAS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the achievements of Nancy Bastidas upon her selection as the Girls Inc. "Strong, Smart and Bold Award Winner" in Delaware.

Girls Inc. is a nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring our nation's young women to reach their goals. On this, its 50th Anniversary, I take great pride in honoring Girls Inc. and the wonderful young Delawareans who have achieved success through the guidance of this special program.

Ms. Bastidas is the founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Delaware Hispanic, LLC. Throughout the years, she has worked to better the lives of young women by focusing on our Hispanic community. She is the founder of Delaware's first Hispanic Internet Magazine and the Delaware Latino Political Action Committee, and she is the publisher of the Delaware Hispanic Yellow Pages and the Delaware Hispanic Guide to Government. In addition, Ms. Bastidas is the owner of a small business and is working to obtaining her college degree, all while serving as wonderful inspiration to young women.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Ms. Bastidas and Girls Inc. for their dedication to improving and enhancing the lives of women. Ms. Bastidas' involvement with Girls Inc. and her selflessness serves as an example to us all. She is an inspiring and exemplary Delawarean.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4567) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes:

Mr. BACA. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Roybal-Allard amendment to the Homeland Security Appropriations bill. This amendment stops the privatization of nearly 1,500 employees that are critical to our Nation's security.

The American people depend on these federal employees to process, investigate, and adjudicate applications for immigration rights and benefits in a timely and thorough manner. They also weed out frivolous and fraudulent applications and identify criminals and terrorists attempting to abuse the process. These federal employees perform background checks and search classified databases to investigate people that want to enter our country.

Why do we want an unaccountable and low-bid contractor to have the power to allow another 9–11 by cutting corners or not reading all the background? We cannot allow the profit margin to exist in our commitment to homeland security! Why did we federalize airport security if we are going to fire the federal employees that prevent terrorists from getting into our country?

Another important reason why we need to stop privatization of these employees is because immigrants and their families depend on them to navigate through the complex maze of immigration laws and regulations. Immigration Information Officers, for instance, are the last remaining federal employees that help immigrants with legal advice. The toll free phone line, since it was privatized, has simply become a phone line that reads out internet based information. It would be hypocritical to punish immigrants for minor mistakes in their immigration, but deny them the legal advice necessary to comply with the law.

For the security of our Nation and to ensure immigrants get sound legal assistance, we must prevent the privatization of Immigration Information Officers, Contract Representatives, and Investigative Analysts.

I urge my colleagues to support the Roybal-Allard amendment.

A SALUTE TO MEDAL OF HONOR
RECIPIENT WESLEY FOX

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to recognize the outstanding service of Colonel Wesley Fox, USMC (retired), of Front Royal, Virginia. Colonel Fox was one of only five Marines to receive the Medal of Honor for their valiant heroism during Operation Dewey Canyon in Vietnam and he was the only one who survived to wear it. A bronze plaque will be placed in the Warren County Courthouse on July 7 honoring Colonel Fox.

Raised in Front Royal with ambitions toward farming, Colonel Fox followed his cousins into the armed services at the onset of the Korean War. At the age of 18 he was thrust into intense fighting after only five months in the U.S. Marine Corps. Just nine months later, he was carried off the field of battle due to wounds that would alter his life plan. He would remain in the Marine Corps and over the following 16 years he worked his way through all the enlisted ranks to first sergeant.

Instead of taking the more conventional path of retirement, Colonel Fox chose to begin the climb through the officers' ranks. His tour of duty took him again to the battlefield of Vietnam as a first lieutenant. In Operation Dewey Canyon he led his 1st Battalion 9th Marines, called the "Walking Dead." Despite losing three quarters of his men and receiving several wounds, Colonel Fox continued to valiantly lead his troops. By the end of the war he would be awarded the Medal of Honor by President Nixon and would rise to the rank of captain.

Forced to retire at age 62 after an unprecedented 43 years of service, Colonel Fox continued to serve his country working with the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He had the unique distinction of working his way through every rank from private to colonel. Colonel Fox is a member of the United States Marine Corps Hall of Heroes.

Front Royal has the distinction of being the only town in the United States that has produced two Medal of Honor recipients. It is my honor and privilege to salute Colonel Fox and extend gratitude and congratulations to him as our country did 33 years ago with our Nation's highest award for military heroism. We say to him, "Semper Paratus!"

A PROCLAMATION THANKING SPECIALIST FIRST CLASS LORI ANN
PIESTEWA FOR HER SERVICE TO
OUR COUNTRY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Mr. RENZI and myself hereby offer our heartfelt condolences to

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the family, friends, and community of Specialist First Class Lori Ann Piestewa upon the death of this outstanding soldier; and

Whereas, Specialist First Class Piestewa was a member of the 507th Ordnance Maintenance Company serving her great nation in the country of Iraq. She was a leader in her unit and is to be commended for the honor and bravery that she displayed while serving our nation in this time of war; and

Whereas, Specialist First Class Piestewa will be remembered for her unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. Her example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew her; and

Therefore, we join with the family, friends and the citizens of our great nation in thanking Specialist First Class Lori Ann Piestewa of the United States Army for her service to our country. Your service has made us proud.

IN HONOR OF JOCELYN SAUNDERS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the achievements of Jocelyn Saunders upon her selection as a Girls Inc. "Strong, Smart and Bold Award Winner" in Delaware.

Girls Inc. is a nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring our nation's young women to reach for the stars. On this, its 50th Anniversary, I take great pride in honoring Girls Inc. and the wonderful young Delawareans who have achieved success through the guidance of this special program.

Ms. Saunders, a former All-American Swimmer, is an IronMan Triathlon and Women's World Championship in Marathon Swimming winner and is the youngest person to swim 32 miles across Lake Ontario. As a girls swim coach, Ms. Saunders uses her expertise in the sport to encourage young women to accomplish their goals. In addition, she has overcome critical injuries suffered in a car accident to serve as an outstanding volunteer and contributor of more than a quarter-million dollars to non-profit organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Ms. Saunders and Girls Inc. for their dedication to improving and enhancing the lives of women. Ms. Saunders' involvement with Girls Inc. and her selflessness serves as an example to us all. She is an inspiring and exemplary Delawarean.

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Mr. BACA. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the amendment by Representative JACKSON-LEE. We need to ensure that conferees discuss the issue of Homeland Security funding for minority institutions of higher learning.

Hispanic Serving Institutions and Community Colleges are crucial partners in our country's struggle to protect the homeland.

Mr. Chairman, there are 242 Hispanic Serving Institutions in this country, 79 in California alone.

We cannot ignore the HBCUs, HSIs and the 1,166 nationwide Community College systems in this country.

They have a unique and important role in serving our communities, especially in the area of research and development of homeland security-related programs and services.

Statistically, HSI's and Community Colleges receive significantly less government RFP awards than larger educational institutions.

This amendment would encourage the Appropriations conferees to consider adding language to the bill to ensure that HSI's and Community Colleges receive a fair share of government grants.

Mr. Chairman, this is an important issue to all minority-serving institutions in this country. I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

A SALUTE TO WILLIAM R. WREN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to recognize my friend and constituent, Mr. William R. Wren, on the occasion of his retirement from active service on the governing body of the City of Manassas Park, Virginia.

Bill's faithful service to the City of Manassas Park on the City Council, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission, Virginia Railway Express Board and many other organizations has helped guide the city through a time of overwhelming growth. Bill's involvement in the community and dedication to the City of Manassas Park for over 20 years has been invaluable.

However, the case could be made that Bill's most notable contributions have been to his wife Alice Jean Roy Wren of 36 years and their three children—David, Roy and Dean.

Though Bill's contributions will be missed, I know the people of the City of Manassas Park wish him the best as he now has the chance to have more time to spend with his family and especially his grandchildren.

It is my pleasure to honor the achievements of Bill Wren today as we recognize his dedicated public service career. On behalf of the people of Virginia's 10th Congressional District and the residents of the City of Manassas Park, I wish to thank and congratulate Bill for his exceptional contributions to the community.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BONITA L. SHEPHERD

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Bonita L. Shepherd is a dedicated employee worthy of merit and recognition; and

Whereas, Bonita L. Shepherd has been acknowledged by the United States Government for her thirty years of faithful service; and

Whereas, Bonita L. Shepherd should be commended for her excellence, for her devotion to her work in the United States Capital Building; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Bonita L. Shepherd for her outstanding accomplishment.

IN HONOR OF ALICIA CLARK

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the achievements of Alicia Clark upon her selection as a Girls Inc. "Strong, Smart and Bold Award Winner" in Delaware.

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Ms. Clark is the Vice-President and Interim President of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League, where she focuses on economic development and education for African Americans and other minorities. She has been involved in Girls Inc. for many years and was once the director of the Kiwanis Branch and the statewide director of programs and operations. Ms. Clark has done much to improve the lives of her fellow citizens and her hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment is much appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Ms. Clark and Girls Inc. for their dedication to improving and enhancing the lives of women. Ms. Clark's involvement with Girls Inc. and her many years of devoted service to our community is an example to us all. She is an inspiring and exemplary Delawarean.

IN RECOGNITION OF AL JACKSON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, the Reverend Al Jackson, pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church in Auburn, Alabama, celebrates his 25th year in service to the congregation this year. On July 4, the congregation will hold a special celebration to commemorate this milestone, and honor a man who has given so much back to our community.

Born on October 26, 1948 in Florala, Alabama, Samuel Alto Jackson, Jr. has lived a long and prolific life in the ministry. In 1971 he graduated from Samford University and went on to earn his Masters of Divinity at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and his Doctorate of Divinity from the Fuller Theological Seminary in 1985.