

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, November 20, 2004, I was unavoidably detained and thus missed rollcall votes Nos. 541 and 542. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 541, H.R. 5382, the Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act; and "yea" on rollcall No. 542, H.R. 4818, the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2005.

IN HONOR OF JOHN D. WEBSTER
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John D. Webster, who is retiring from his post as Chief Financial Officer of the Library of Congress on January 3, 2005.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Legislative Appropriations, I know that I speak not only for myself, but also for all the members of the subcommittee and clerks in thanking John Webster for his service to the Library and to the United States Congress.

John leaves a legacy of dedication, the highest principles of financial management and reporting, a highly professional and devoted staff, and an enviable record of eight consecutive unqualified audit opinions on the Library's financial statements. We on the subcommittee are equally grateful for John's groundbreaking work as co-founder and co-chairman of the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council. We have benefited from John's testimony and appearance before this subcommittee on behalf of the Council.

John has served as the Library's chief liaison and representative to this subcommittee since 1996. He has worked hard—and often at inconvenient times including nights and weekends—to ensure that the subcommittee and its clerks had the information and understanding needed to complete appropriations work on the Library's complex budget. Both before and during my tenure, the Library has achieved major budget milestones—support for collections arrears reduction, collections security, an integrated library management system, storage modules at Ft. Meade, the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, the National Digital Library, the Digital Talking Book Program for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the alternate computer facility and National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program. John was keenly aware that each of these projects was a high priority for the Librarian of Congress, Dr. Billington,

and John ensured that the subcommittee understood these priorities as well as the complex financial underpinnings needed to appropriate funding requisite to their realization.

John Webster has served the Library for 15 years. He was named CFO in 2003, having been honored in 2000 as the recipient of the National President's Award by the Association of Government Accountants. As Chief of the Financial Management Office at the Library, and later CFO, John achieved not only Dr. Billington's goals but his professional commitment to modern, integrated financial systems that serve all customers—internal and external—with trust, confidence, and integrity. He leaves a powerful legacy in the Legislative Branch, one that we collectively applaud and hopefully can emulate. We wish John the best as he retires after a difficult year—losing his beloved wife Gloria and his only brother. His dedication to his work never failed even in light of terrible personal tragedies. His hard work, dedication, and expertise will be sorely missed.

IN HONOR OF DR. HENRY (HARRY)
MONIBA

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise today in honor of Dr. Henry (Harry) Moniba, former Vice President of Liberia. Dr. Moniba died suddenly on November 23, 2004, as a result of an automobile accident.

He was born in Liberia on October 22, 1937. Dr. Moniba earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education in 1964, a Masters degree in Secondary Education from SUNY, participated in a post-Masters program in International Relations and European Studies at NYU, and as a Fulbright Scholar, earned a Ph.D. in International Relations and African Studies at Michigan State University.

He began his professional career as an educator. A strong believer in the power of a good education, Dr. Moniba once stated: "If you think education is expensive, then, try ignorance". He served in various capacities in the education field, from classroom teacher to Director of Research at the Ministry of Education in Monrovia, Liberia.

Dr. Moniba had a long and distinguished career in public service. He served as First Secretary and Consul for the Embassy of Liberia in Washington, D.C., and Ottawa, Canada from 1976–1980; from 1981–1984, he served as Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for European Affairs, Liberia; he was the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Liberia, to the Court of St. James in London, England, the Vatican, and the Sovereign Military Order Malta, in Rome from 1981–1984. In 1984, he was appointed Vice

President of the Interim National Assembly Government of Liberia, and in 1985, elected to the office of Vice President of Liberia. In 1994, he was awarded the Human Rights Award from the Liberian Human Rights Chapter.

Dr. Moniba loved his country, and worked tirelessly to establish peace and prosperity for Liberia. He understood well the true role of a politician in a democratic society, and said: "The objective of the good politician cannot, therefore, be the acquisition of power for its own sake or at and cost. What he wants is a healthy political environment in which he and his fellow citizens can lead a fulfilling life." At the time of his death, Dr. Moniba was one of the leading candidates for the 2005 Liberian presidential election.

I join his family and his many admirers throughout the world in mourning his passing. May his tireless commitment to his homeland and the advancement of peace and democracy in Liberia stand as a timeless memorial to him. May God bless him and his family, and may he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING BRAD KNIPP FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brad Knipp of Blue Springs, Missouri, 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, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brad has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brad has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL W.
CARUSO

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stanislaus County Supervisor Paul W. Caruso, as he will be retiring on January 1, 2005 as Supervisor of District 5 of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors.

Paul W. Caruso was born on June 20, 1947 in San Jose, California. When Paul was two

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months old, he and his family moved to Stanislaus County, California where he has resided for the past 57 years. Paul attended local schools including Modesto State Junior College and California State University, Stanislaus. He served in the California National Guard from 1967 through 1973 earning the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Supervisor Caruso and his wife, Sharon, continue to reside in Stanislaus County, where they raised their daughter Amanda who is a recent graduate of California State University, Stanislaus. Paul's involvement in the community throughout the years has been extensive, serving as a member, charter member, or Past President of the Ceres Chamber of Commerce, the Salvation Army Modesto Corps and Red Shield Board of Directors, and the Ceres Rotary Club. He has served as Chairman or Past President of the Stanislaus County Council of Governments, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California Counties, and Mountain Valley Regional EMS, among many others. Paul is also the President and CEO of Caruso Shopping Center, Inc. which was built in 1951.

Prior to his election to the Board of Supervisors, Paul was elected to the Democratic Central Committee in 1976. In 1984 he served as Fire Commissioner to the Industrial Fire Protection District until 1987 when he was elected to the Ceres City Council. It was in November of 1990 that Paul W. Caruso was first elected as Supervisor for District 5, of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. He has since served as Chairman of the Board in 1995, 2000 and 2004.

Supervisor Paul W. Caruso has had a remarkable career in public service that has been recognized on many occasions. He received the 2001 VFW Modesto Post 3199 Man of the Year Award, the Ceres Chamber Honorary Life Member Award in 1989, Rotarian of the Year Award in 1986 and 2000, Ceres Citizen of the Year 1985, and the Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow Award in 1985, among many others.

Throughout the years, Paul has certainly distinguished himself as a leader and dedicated member of the community. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to congratulate Supervisor Paul W. Caruso upon his retirement and thank him for his outstanding service to Stanislaus County.

TRIBUTE TO RON EAGLIN

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated advocate of academic excellence, Mr. Ron Eaglin. After serving more than 12 years as president of Morehead State University, President Eaglin is retiring and embarking on a new stage of life. I want to express my deepest gratitude for his many contributions.

President Eaglin has led a distinguished career in academia, playing a critical role in improving the lives of countless students from across my congressional district in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. Under his leadership, Morehead State University has taken great strides forward and garnered national recognition

as one of the top public regional universities in the South.

During President Eaglin's tenure, the University opened two regional campuses, worked toward the creation of Kentucky's first online degree program, created the Space Science Center, and developed only the fourth space science bachelor's degree in America. MSU also achieved its highest enrollments in the school's 117-year history, peaking at 9,509 in the fall of 2003. Through his tireless efforts, the school's institutional endowment rose from \$500,000 to \$25 million. He's also overseen \$75 million in capital construction projects, which have greatly enhanced MSU's campus. These are just a few of President Eaglin's many accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank President Ron Eaglin for the time and effort he has invested in the lives of students in Kentucky, and for his friendship throughout the years. Although his days with Morehead State University are drawing to a close, I know his contributions will live on for many years to come. I want to wish him and his family all the best for this new chapter in life.

IN MEMORY OF SUSAN P. GORMAN

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Mrs. Susan P. Gorman, who passed away on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, at the Veterans Hospital in Elsmere, Delaware.

Sue Gorman was born in Bally James Duff, County Cavan, Ireland. After her family moved to Delaware, she attended Wilmington High School, and was a 1944 graduate of the Wilmington General Hospital School of Nursing. She also attended St. John's University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Sue was a dedicated and hard-working registered nurse for the Wilmington Hospital for nearly four decades. Sue Gorman also heard the call of her adopted country and joined the nascent Army Nursing Corps in 1944, serving in the Asian and Pacific Theaters at the 108th General Hospital in Tinian during World War II. The battle against the Japanese Empire in the Pacific saw some of the most brutal fighting of the entire war and, but for the skill and dedication of nurses like Sue Gorman, the mortality rate for American servicemen would have been much higher.

We now recount the names of the Pacific battles—Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Leyte Gulf—as if the American victory was simple and assured. At the time, of course, victory was not assured and the men and women who served knew that it was anything but simple. Sue Gorman was one of those women and, like the other brave nurses in the Army Nurse Corps, her contributions to the war effort and our enduring freedom will never be forgotten.

Sue Gorman was a member of the Wilmington High School Alumni Association, the Cathedral of St. Peter, the Wilmington Republicans Women's Club and a charter member of the Irish Culture Club. She enjoyed Irish music and dance and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We are a better nation, a better people because of brave and strong women like Sue Gorman. She deserves our utmost respect, and appreciation.

RECOGNIZING ERIC SHUPE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Shupe of Independence, Missouri, 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 82, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Eric has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

IN HONOR OF BERNICE BROSIUS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RE- TIREMENT

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bernice Brosious, who is retiring this month from her post as Associate Administrator for Finance for the Chief Administrative Office of the U.S. House. She had a long career of public service and deserves our thanks and admiration.

In 1979 Bernice began her career in government at the General Services Administration. Service at the Defense Investigative Service, the Department of Agriculture, and the Federal Aviation Administration followed as she honed her financial skills before bringing her expertise to the House in 1998 as Director of Accounting for the Chief Administrative Officer. In 2001 she became the Associate Administrator for Finance. Over the years, Bernice's outstanding customer service, organizational knowledge, resourcefulness and her leadership on numerous initiatives have benefited countless Members and staff.

Among her many other achievements, Bernice was instrumental in obtaining the House's first clean audit opinion for calendar year 1998 and for maintaining this clean opinion every year since. Over the past seven years Bernice has also been instrumental in moving the House from an ancient paper ledger accounting system to the imminent introduction of a 21st century state-of-the-art financial management system.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Bernice for her many years of dedication and outstanding