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PAYING TRIBUTE TO HAROLD BROUGHTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Harold Broughton and thank him for his service to the agricultural industry. His incredible accomplishment of being awarded the 2003 Lifetime Membership Award at the Western Colorado Horticultural Society is a testament not only to his extraordinary natural abilities, but also his incredible work ethic and indomitable human spirit.

This well deserved honor is the manifestation of a life-long passion, and could not have been bestowed upon a more deserving individual. As a fourth generation farmer, Harold Broughton has spent his career managing the fruit orchards for families and organizations throughout Colorado. He was able to start his own company in 1966 which would later be named Harold Broughton Orchards, LLC which electronically sizes, custom packs, brokers and ships fruit throughout the nation under the Tom-Tom label.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that Harold Broughton is a person of unparalleled dedication and commitment to his life-long pursuit of horticulture and shipping fruit nationwide. It is not only his incredible devotion, but also his unrelenting passion for the fruit industry in Colorado that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. It is my distinct pleasure to honor Harold here today, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF DR. HELEN S. FAISON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dr. Helen S. Faison, for her significant and groundbreaking professional accomplishments in the field of education, and for serving as a mentor, role model and inspiration for countless women and men in the City of Pittsburgh, PA, and far beyond.

Dr. Faison's unwavering integrity, strong work ethic, trailblazing spirit and energetic quest for knowledge led her to become one of the first African-American teachers in the Pittsburgh School District. After many decades of inspirational instruction, Dr. Faison became the first female, and the first African-American to be named high school principal within the City of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Faison was later appointed as deputy superintendent of the Pittsburgh School District. This was the highest administrative posi-

tion ever held by a woman in the district. Presently, Dr. Faison is the Director of the Pittsburgh Teachers Institute, and Education Department Chair and distinguished visiting professor at Chatham College. Beyond her monumental scholastic and professional contributions, awards and accolades, Dr. Faison has served as a beacon of inspiration, hope and living testament to countless students and colleagues—teaching by example that dreams can become reality.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Helen Faison, as she has been honored on February 5, 2004, by the 14th Annual Strong Men & Women: Excellence in Leadership series, sponsored by Dominion East Ohio. Dr. Faison's groundbreaking professional excellence and accomplishment as an outstanding teacher and educational leader has inspired, guided and enhanced the minds and hearts of countless young students through the years. Her continued commitment to education serves as a beacon of hope and light for people of all races so they may visualize and realize their dreams, and her journey continues to inspire us all.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. GEORGE ROBINSON "ROBIN" SWIFT, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

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Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Escambia County and indeed the entire state of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Mr. George Robinson "Robin" Swift, Jr., was a devoted family man and dedicated public servant throughout his entire life.

His desire to provide the best opportunities possible for his fellow Alabamians led him to become involved in state politics on both the local and statewide levels, culminating with a hard-fought campaign for governor in 1994. Prior to his run for elective office, Robin Swift participated on the campaign of former Governor Guy Hunt and served with distinction as the governor's finance director. It would be safe to say that the state of Alabama has never had a finer, more dedicated or more capable finance director than Robin Swift.

During his tenure as finance director, Robin was extremely diligent with the taxpayer's money and set the highest standard for all public servants. One of his former colleagues in the Alabama Finance Office, Lee Miller, paid tribute to Mr. Swift's tremendous success when he said, "He led by example, and was the best steward of the public trust I ever encountered at any level of government."

Mr. Speaker, while Robin Swift was an exemplary model of public service, his true love was America's free enterprise system where, as a small business owner in Atmore, he was

extremely familiar with the challenges and goals of running a successful business. That business, Swift Lumber Company, provides employment opportunities today to many dozens of hardworking men and women throughout South Alabama. While serving as president of Swift Lumber Company, Robin Swift and his family have provided a local anchor that remains an important part of the area economy to this day.

Additionally, Mr. Swift was a proud veteran of the United States Army and served with distinction for two years during the Korean War.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated public servant and long-time advocate for the citizens of Escambia County and the state of Alabama. Mr. Swift will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Lucille King Swift, his daughter, Lisa Swift Marks, his son, G. Robin Swift, III, and his six grandchildren—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID EPPICH

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to David Eppich, a man who for over twenty-five years has led a distinguished career in education and public service in Durango, Colorado. His incredible devotion to his community and involvement in youth programs was recently recognized by the Durango Chamber of Commerce, named David Eppich its Citizen of the Year.

This is an incredible honor for a Durango resident, and could not have been bestowed upon a more well deserving individual. For over a quarter of a century, David has worked with Fort Lewis College and emerged as a community leader actively involved in the youth programs in the Durango region. Humbled by the award, David believes there are many more well deserving individuals, and continues to encourage others to volunteer their time and resources to organizations in the Durango area.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that David Eppich is a person who possesses unparalleled dedication and commitment to his life long pursuit of public service. It is not only his incredible devotion, but also his passion for contributing to the youth programs in the Durango community that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. It is my distinct pleasure to honor David here today, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

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