

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING STACY RASTAUSKAS FOR HER WORK IN THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN CLOAKROOM

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 17, 2004

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, all too often, the hard work of House staff goes unnoticed. Members of Congress thank their legislative staff when their bills pass the House, but rarely do they thank the people who make the House Floor run on a day to day basis. So today I rise to recognize someone who deserves the thanks of this entire institution: Stacy Rastauskas, the outgoing Assistant Floor Chief of the House Republican Cloakroom.

For 2 two years, Stacy has helped to run the House Floor from her desk in the Republican Cloakroom. She has been a source of invaluable information to all Members, a trusted colleague to countless House staff, and a mentor to our House pages. It is impossible to visit the Cloakroom without being on the receiving end of one of her brilliant smiles. In short, Stacy made the Cloakroom feel like home to us all.

Soon Stacy will be leaving to open a Washington office for Ohio State University. I cannot possibly thank her enough for the dedicated hours she spent as Assistant Floor Chief. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye and good luck. The Republican Cloakroom won't be the same without her.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSSIE B. LAWSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 17, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Jossie B. Lawson in recognition of her commitment to public service through her work in the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office and dedication to her community through volunteer efforts in her church.

Jossie B. Lawson was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 6, 1954. She is the proud mother of two talented daughters, Sareve C. Lawson and Alia H. Akili. Jossie is the product of the New York City public school system. After graduating from Performing Arts High School, she attended Hunter College. Her most recent academic achievement was the completion of the prestigious EEO Complaint Handling program at the Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations in 2001.

Shortly after receiving her certification in Paralegal Studies from Long Island University, Jossie was hired as a paralegal by the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office in 1983. She was later promoted to Administrative Manager in 1990, and again to her current position of

EEO Coordinator by the current District Attorney Charles "Joe" Hynes in 1998. She is also responsible for facilitating the College Internship program in the agency and has represented the District Attorney's Office on the Board of Women's Advisors for the City of New York.

As a young adult, Jossie began working with the youth of her congregation, Zion Baptist Church where Dr. M. M. Peace is the pastor. She is a gifted singer and serves as a worship leader in her church. Her strong commitment to personal mentoring and use of her considerable skills as a life coach, has earned her the love and respect of many.

Jossie has given her time and support to countless individuals across the years. Her ability to motivate and encourage people coupled with her gift of helping others discover and nurture the gifts within themselves is why she is frequently invited to participate in workshops and motivational sessions. Jossie is a woman who will push you to excellence, pray you toward success and pull you with the strength of her belief in your potential. Many have been blessed by her guidance. She is truly a woman who makes a difference.

Mr. Speaker, Jossie B. Lawson has dedicated her life to her community through both her professional and her personal activities. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

PRESENTING A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF RAMON J. REEVEY

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 17, 2004

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker: Whereas, Congresswoman JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD recognizes the extraordinary spirit of this man, who after becoming a paraplegic went on to accomplish what others would consider impossible. He had started his career with the Federal government when tragedy struck in a car accident. But he was not deterred and as a paraplegic, he worked hard and received his Baccalaureate degree from Long Beach State University. He went on to receive his Master's degree in Hospital Administration from the University of California at Los Angeles; and

Whereas, Ramon J. Reevey distinguished himself to veterans and hospital administrations nationwide by demonstrating total commitment to the Department of Veterans Affairs. He understood the problems of patients in the Veterans hospitals. His empathy allowed him to manage the resources of the hospital to better provide needed care. His caring and positive attitude is reflected in his motto: "If you have happy employees, you have happy patients"; and

Whereas, Ramon J. Reevey throughout his career accomplished many goals, with the crown jewel of his career being the hosting of the 23rd National Veterans Wheelchair Games in July 2003, while heading up the VA Long Beach Healthcare System. He was also a competitive participant in the Games; and

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the dedication of this man to the welfare of the lives of our community is much appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MICHAEL LEMAY

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 17, 2004

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Michael Lemay, who is retiring from the California State University San Bernardino after 12 dedicated years of service to the university. Dr. Lemay is an individual of great distinction, and we join with family and friends in honoring his remarkable achievements and expressing pride in his work throughout the last dozen years.

Dr. Lemay has devoted his life to helping students through his chosen profession in education. His kindness and passionate spirit make him an incredible resource to the university and beloved community member.

For the past 12 years, Dr. Lemay has dedicated himself to Cal State San Bernardino, serving as Associate Dean, Assistant Dean, Department Chair, Academic Advisor, and Professor. In these capacities, he has been an integral contributor to the management and administration of the school, as well as a participant in developing the young minds of the future.

Through his participation in countless activities and committees, Dr. Lemay has exhibited kindness, love, humility, and a deep resolve to ameliorate all aspects of university life, so it is only appropriate that we thank him today. He has received the highest evaluation of his profession for integrity and performance, and has taken a proactive approach to leadership at Cal State San Bernardino.

I join today with family in friends in congratulating him for his 12 years of service. He is a symbol of all that is good in his profession and an inspiration to all that know him.

And so, Mr. Speaker, we salute Dr. Michael Lemay. We express admiration in his career and hope that others may recognize his good works in the community.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. HE-HON LAO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 17, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. He-Hon Lao in recognition of her contribution to the field of medicine and her special

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role in helping to standardize the field of acupuncture in America.

Dr. Lao is a physician in Chinese medicine, a senior Acupuncturist and Herbalist, and the Founder and Director of New York Oriental HealthCare Center in Brooklyn. As a graduate of Shandong University of Medicine in 1968, she received her post-graduate training with herbal master Huang Siang-Zhou and acupuncture professor Jin Rui. She also served as Chief physician at the Red Cross Hospital under the Department of Complementary Medicine in Canton, China. While working at the Red Cross Hospital, she was one of the first physicians in China at that time to use Acupuncture and Chinese medicine in clinical research.

Inspired by the lack of standardization and regulation of the acupuncture profession, Dr. Lao joined the New York State Department of Education in January 1991 where she established a comprehensive educational requirement for licensing and code of ethics. She believes a profession without proper and rigorous training is not a profession. In addition, Dr. Lao set standards in the clinical experience of acupuncture with an emphasis on professional competency. In fact, the comprehensive practice of acupuncture today is a direct result of her advocacy.

As a physician, Dr. Lao has over 35 years experience of clinical practice and teaching in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. She has a long list of published works and is also a frequent lecturer on holistic medicine. Most of her lectures and seminars are professional development oriented for other doctors and healthcare professionals.

Currently, Dr. Lao works at Woodhull Hospital as a supervisory acupuncturist where she treats several thousand patients every year. She is in charge of supervising the acupuncture detoxification program which is an integral part of the treatment for chemically dependent patients. She finds her job very rewarding, especially when she sees a converted drug addict go to the podium and receive a graduation certificate from her hands. She has a similar impact on many other people's lives, and that is why she loves her job.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. He-Hon Lao has dedicated her life to easing patients' pain through the practice and development of acupuncture. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

PRESENTING A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF FRANCIS OLIVER ARNOLD

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 17, 2004

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker: Whereas, Congresswoman JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD recognizes the fine work of this man, who was born and raised in the city of Los Angeles, attended David Starr Jordan High School; became an entrepreneur starting and operating his own trucking company, while serving as an employee of the City of Los Angeles; later co-owning and operating Moe's Liquor Store in Compton success-

fully for nearly 20 years. He enjoyed listening to Jazz and traveling whenever possible. His loving wife, Evelyn, and his family will always cherish his love and devotion.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the dedication of this man in enriching the lives of our community is much appreciated.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2004

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition of H.R. 4281 and the association health plans it creates.

This bill does nothing to help uninsured Americans, hurts those who enroll in the plans and will even cause healthcare costs to go up.

There are 44 million Americans who are uninsured in this country and this bill will not even help one percent of them. Not one percent!

A Congressional Budget Office study showed that only 360,000 uninsured Americans would join AHP's. There has to be a better way to help 44 million uninsured Americans.

What is just as bad is that AHP's will use loopholes to get around state health regulations. This will leave consumers who enroll in these plans without needed safeguards.

If an AHP denies someone a cancer treatment or diabetic supplies that person may not have the right to appeal the decision. Their health will suffer and they will be left with no options.

AHP's will enroll only the healthiest Americans. This will leave those other Americans, the ones who are sick and the ones who take prescription drugs, with fewer options.

According to the Congressional Budget Office up to 20 million Americans will face higher healthcare costs. 20 million!

Health insurers will give breaks to the AHP's and charge other consumers more.

These higher healthcare costs could cause up to 10,000 Americans to become uninsured.

There is a better way to help small businesses and the uninsured.

That is why I support the Democratic substitute to the AHP bill.

The substitute will provide small businesses and their employees with affordable quality health insurance. The plan is even similar to what the federal government offers its employees.

The substitute will protect patients by making sure the insurers are overseen by the states.

And finally this substitute will not raise the price of healthcare.

H.R. 4281 will not help small businesses or their employees.

By voting for the substitute we will help these businesses. We will help their employees and we will help all Americans have access to and afford health insurance.

TRIBUTE TO JULIE SPENCER

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 17, 2004

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Julie Spencer, of Baraboo, Wisconsin. Julie was the fastest U.S. female in the 108th Boston Marathon. She finished 16th in a time of 2:56:39, her personal best. The Boston Marathon is a competitive international race, and it is an honor to recognize Julie Spencer for her great athletic achievement.

The Boston Marathon ranks only behind the Super Bowl as the largest single day sporting event in the world. Approximately 500,000 spectators line the streets of the 26.2 mile course. In this year's historic Boston Marathon the elite women runners started before the elite men runners for the first time in marathon history, giving Julie a truly unique Boston Marathon experience.

In addition to being a dedicated runner, Julie is a teacher at East Elementary School in Baraboo, Wisconsin. She uses her running expertise to help coach Baraboo High School's cross country team and track teams. By coaching, she shares and passes on her passion to the high school teams.

Obviously, it is an impressive feat to accomplish the 26.2 mile Boston Marathon on the fifth hottest day in the race's 108 year history, but to be the top female U.S. finisher is worth the praise of all. It is my esteemed pleasure to contribute to the recognition of Julie Spencer's first place finish for the United States.

Mr. Speaker, Julie's friends and family have been quoted as saying, "We're so proud." I know Wisconsinites and runners across the world share this message and join me in recognizing her today.

TRIBUTE TO BONNIE GAINER

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 17, 2004

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize today a woman who is, at one and the same time, exceptional and representative. Bonnie Gainer has served with great dedication as director of the Rutland County Women's Network. Originally the Battered Women's Shelter, this organization has been a mainstay for women who seek counsel, help, and often a safe haven, from abusive relationships.

Bonnie Gainer is exceptional in both the depth of her commitment to women in need, and her ability to organize both staff and community so that those women can find the support and assistance that they all too often desperately require. But in another sense, she is representative: all across Rutland, all across Vermont, all across this nation, women respond and have been responding to the inhospitable condition in which too many of their sisters live.

Physical and mental abuse is, tragically, widespread in America. It is not limited to women, of course, but with Greater frequency than most can imagine wives, girlfriends and daughters find themselves trapped in difficult