

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MS. DOROTHY GRACE BOYAJIAN ON HER 53 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pride that I pay tribute to an extraordinary teacher, Dorothy Grace Boyajian. For the past 53 years, she has been an inspiration to many of her colleagues by dedicating herself to serving the children of the San Mateo-Foster City School District.

Ms. Boyajian was born in Camden, New Jersey, and arrived in the Bay Area with her parents in 1938. She attended Turnbull Elementary School, and later returned to the same building as a teacher. She attended professional growth classes at San Francisco State University, Stanford University and University of California, Berkeley. Ms. Boyajian still lives in the home her father built in Burlingame. She supports three children through Child Care International.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Boyajian's extraordinary teaching has received many awards. She has won the Who's Who in Teaching Award twice, was inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame and was once judged to be one of the top 40 teachers in the United States. The litany of awards and honors bestowed upon her are indicative of the professional respect she has achieved, but Ms. Boyajian's true legacy is her students.

Since her first days as a teacher 53 years ago, Dorothy Grace Boyajian has instilled in her students an important lesson that no matter how big the world is, they can and should play a part in it. As part of this lesson her students would write to famous dignitaries whose responses line the walls around her classroom. This led to a memorable moment when a local television show came to her classroom and showed responses from Queen Elizabeth II and the then First Lady Nancy Reagan.

After a half century dedicating her life to teaching, Ms. Boyajian's passion for teaching and her commitment to this noble profession has not wavered. Ms. Boyajian has decided to retire in order to save the jobs of two of her younger colleagues. In what is truly the epitome of selflessness, Ms. Boyajian recently reflected on her retirement by saying, "I'll miss [teaching], but if it's going to help out some younger teachers, I'm willing to do it." It is a truly sad day when one of the most special teachers who has touched so many lives, has to retire due to budget cuts.

Mr. Speaker, the impact that Dorothy Grace Boyajian has made on the people of San Mateo County is immeasurable. From the dolls her students have given to her for her collection, to getting stopped on the street by former students and told how she has affected their lives, there is no doubt that Ms. Boyajian is a teacher admired by many. Other teachers who have been lucky enough to work with her have

described her as a mentor, and an inspiration to those who strive to make students feel like dignitaries themselves.

Mr. Speaker, another example of Ms. Boyajian's effect on the community can be seen by the fact that the San Mateo County Board of Trustees has declared that June 4, 2004 will be Dorothy Grace Boyajian Day, and the San Mateo-Foster City School Board will rename the Sunnybrae Elementary School, where she taught over the last 20 years, the Dorothy Grace Boyajian Elementary School for the day.

Teachers like Ms. Boyajian do not come along everyday, and seeing her retire, though well deserved, will certainly be hard on the community. I hope that all those who follow the path that Ms. Boyajian embarked upon over a half century ago find the same riches that she has found, the riches that you find in the hearts and minds of children.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dorothy Grace Boyajian, whose life has been dedicated to teaching the children of the Peninsula.

HONORING JUNE 4, 2004 AS LINC TELACU SCHOLARS DAY

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. On behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I rise to recognize June 4, 2004 as LINC TELACU Scholars Day. As a leading service organization, LINC TELACU Education Foundation in partnership with numerous corporations and universities, has helped to improve Latino communities including East Los Angeles by advancing higher education opportunities for thousands of young Latino leaders.

For over two decades, the Foundation has assisted talented Latinos overcome formidable barriers to academic success by providing millions of dollars in scholarships, as well as comprehensive educational support programs which include: leadership development, college retention, internships, counseling, mentoring, tutorial assistance, computer lab, college advisement and placement assistance, and parental support programs. In addition, TELACU was selected nationally as one of only two community-based organizations nationwide to deliver the TRIO Programs—Classic Upward Bound, Veterans Upward Bound, and Talent Search—through which middle and high-school students and veterans receive preparation for post-secondary education.

I would like to commend David C. Lizárraga, TELACU's President and CEO, and his executive staff for their leadership over the past year. Their dedication is helping Latino students overcome the effects of low income, inadequate support and counseling, and a lack of professional and academic role models and to become well educated community leaders.

Thanks to the successful leadership of LINC TELACU, every 2003 LINC TELACU Scholar achieved their high school diploma, college degree, or nursing degree. This year, LINC TELACU will help 600 more students accomplish their higher education goals. As the Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I am proud of these students for their commitment to succeed and wish them continued success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to recognize the many achievements and services provided by LINC TELACU. Please join me in honoring the LINC TELACU Scholars on June 4, 2004.

RECOGNIZING ERIC ADLARD FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Adlard, son of Mark and Laura Adlard, 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 846, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in numerous scout activities. Over the years Eric has been involved with scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Troop Historian, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Eric holds such special scouting honors as Arrow of Light, Faith in God, On My Honor, Order of the Arrow, Foxman in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and World Conservation Award. Eric holds twenty-six merit badges.

For his Eagle Scout project, Eric built three concrete pads for the baseball bleachers at Cecil Baker Memorial Field in Buckner, Missouri.

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

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Captain John Tipton who was recently killed in Iraq.

Cpt. Tipton, 32, a 1989 Granite City High School graduate, died this past Sunday in an explosion during combat in the Al Anbar Province in Iraq. The province, west of Baghdad,

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is where Camp Fallujah is located and is one of the most hostile regions in Iraq. Capt. Tipton was commander of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division out of Fort Riley. He was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas with his wife, Susie Tipton, of Collinsville, and their two children, Austin, 4, and Kaitlyn, 2.

I am proud of the service Cpt. Tipton has given to our country and the service he and others provide on a daily basis. Not enough can be said about the sacrifice and dedication these men and women display while serving in Iraq. It is troops like Cpt. Tipton, those risking their lives everyday, that ensure our freedom here at home and to others throughout the rest of the world. I salute him and my heart felt condolences go out to his family and all the troops continually fighting to ensure freedom and democracy.

TRIBUTE TO GLENN CUNNINGHAM
A TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with sorrow that I inform my colleagues of the sudden and untimely passing of Glenn Cunningham. Mr. Cunningham was a longtime public servant. He was Mayor of Jersey City, New Jersey, a significant part of my congressional district. He also served as a member of the New Jersey State Senate. Mayor/State Senator Cunningham was the proverbial public servant. His career in the public arena spanned more than three decades. He was truly a man of the people.

Over the years, I had the privilege of working with Glenn on issues of shared interest, as our careers paralleled each other's. I was delighted when Glenn was elected to his first office as a Hudson County Freeholder in 1975, and then watched with pride as he moved forward in his career to become elected to the Jersey City Municipal Council in 1981 and re-elected in 1985 and became President of the Jersey City Municipal Council. In 1996, Glenn was appointed by President Clinton to become the first African American U.S. Marshall from the state of New Jersey. In 2001, Glenn was elected the first African American Mayor of Jersey City, and last year Mayor Cunningham was elected State Senator for the 31st District.

Glenn was especially proud of his military and law enforcement experience, having served with honor as a United States Marine. He also was a member of the Jersey City Police Department for more than two decades, rising to the rank of Captain. He later distinguished himself in the post of Hudson County Director of Public Safety.

Glenn was also known for his interest in Black History. I enjoyed having conversations with him about the history of Jersey City, Underground Railroad in New Jersey and other significant historical events that shaped our state and nation. I was impressed with his passion and the breadth of his knowledge of historical subjects.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in remembering a life long distinguished native son of Jersey City, Glenn Cunningham, who was an outstanding role

model. His exemplary service will long be remembered. I express my condolences to his survivors, especially his wife, Sandra.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEW
YORK BLOOD CENTER'S 40TH AN-
NIVERSARY AND WALL OF
HONOR RECEPTION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of the New York Blood Center (NYBC). On the evening of May 19, 2004, the NYBC will unveil its Wall of Honor, which recognizes the many generous donors—both financial and medical—who make possible the Blood Center's tremendous contributions to the public good. The Wall of Honor will also commemorate the Blood Center's forty years of outstanding service to our community, our nation and our world.

The Blood Center has long been an indispensable part of the New York community. Over the last four decades, the NYBC has become one of America's largest community-based, non-profit blood centers. Each year, it provides life-saving blood products and clinical transfusion services to more than one million patients, in over two hundred New York and New Jersey hospitals. In addition, the Center's Solvent Detergent Viral Inactivation Process has improved the safety of more than twenty billion units of blood-derived products distributed worldwide.

The Blood Center has also become a nationally-recognized center for medical education. The NYBC has trained more than 100 physician professionals through its transfusion medicine fellowship, and has offered clinical training to over 400 medical students and 300 laboratory technicians. In all, more than 30 percent of New York and New Jersey blood bank directors have received specialized training from the New York Blood Center. By any measure, the foregoing statistics represent a truly astonishing record of achievement. The clinicians, staff and contributors of the NYBC should be extremely proud of these accomplishments.

As we take time to celebrate the NYBC's history, we must also acknowledge the Blood Center's efforts to meet new and often daunting challenges. As you may know, the New York region is currently facing a critical shortage of blood. The NYBC estimates that the demand for transfusions will easily exceed the Center's projected supply during the coming summer months. The Center has urged local community groups, schools and churches to organize blood drives to forestall interruptions in major medical services this summer. These difficulties make it all the more necessary for the New York community to continue to support the NYBC's noble efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the New York Blood Center, whose forward-thinking initiatives to promote the public's health and well-being are truly worthy of celebration. To the dedicated professionals, volunteers and friends of this fine organization, I offer my continuing admiration, respect and support.

HONORING STEPHEN W. STRUMPH

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stephen W. Strumph of Glen Cove, New York, a decorated veteran and a proud American.

Mr. Strumph began his military career in 1937, at the Reserve Officers Army Academy of Poland. At the onset of WWII he was commissioned Second Lieutenant Platoon Leader of the 6th Regiment, 22nd Mountain division in the Polish army.

On November 1, 1939 Mr. Strumph was transported to Lukenwalde and was held as a prisoner of war. He heroically escaped German custody three times, before finally being released in the spring of 1945 and heading for the United States zone.

Mr. Strumph was soon commissioned as a U.S. Army multi-lingual interpreter to interview German soldiers and Gestapo. He was then reunited with Polish troops under Colonel Brzeszczynski, and was placed in command of 125 soldiers and a U.S. Army ammunitions depot. After he was demobilized in 1947, Mr. Strumph worked for eight years at the U.S. embassy in Paris, before emigrating to the United States.

Since his arrival in New York on July 28, 1955, Mr. Strumph has been an outstanding public citizen, volunteering with veterans and fraternal organizations and was honored as "Outstanding Senior Volunteer of the Year." He and his loving wife are the proud parents of three children and eight grandchildren.

I commend Stephen Strumph for his bravery and valor during World War II and thank him for his invaluable service to the Long Island community.

INDIA'S HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLA-
TIONS IN PUNJAB, KASHMIR
SUCCESSFULLY EXPOSED

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on May 12, the Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness conducted a hearing into human-rights violations in Kashmir and in Punjab, Khalistan. It was a very successful hearing. Witnesses travelled from Kashmir and from out of state to testify.

Those testifying included The Honorable Michael Kozak, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Human Rights and Labor; The Honorable Donald Camp, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South Asian Affairs; Mr. T. Kumar, Advocacy Director—Asia, Amnesty International; The Honorable Robert Giuda, Deputy Majority Leader of the New Hampshire House of Representatives and Chairman, Americans for Resolution of Kashmir; Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Executive Director, Kashmiri American Council; Mrs. Attiya Inayatullah, a human-rights activist from Kashmir; Selig Harrison, Director of the Asia Program, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Policy; and Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan.