TRIBUTE TO ARNOLD PALMER'S 50TH MASTERS TOURNAMENT

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Arnold Palmer for his service to our Nation, the game of golf and the Masters Tournament. In the world of sports there are few events that epitomize the beauty and grace of sport more than the Masters Tournament in Augusta, GA. And there are no other individuals who have done more for the game of golf and the Masters Tournament than Arnold Palmer.

Quite frankly, Arnold Palmer has forever changed the complexion of sport and golf. Golf was considered to be the sport of the privileged few until 1955 when Arnold Palmer won his first PGA tournament. But, Arnold Palmer showed the world that golf truly is a sport for the masses. Today, golf is played and enjoyed by millions of people.

Not only did Arnold Palmer inspire millions to play the game of golf, he also excelled at it. He has gone on to amass a record that would be the envy of any man alive. Arnold's victory total stands at 92 World Wide, 61 PGA Tour, and 10 Senior PGA Tour events. He was the first to ever win four Masters titles. He did this in 1958, 1960, 1962, and 1964. This April 8, 2004, Arnold Palmer will tee the ball up in his 50th Masters Tournament.

But Arnold Palmer's achievements and contributions to the game remain greater than his victory total. Arnold Palmer's magnetic personality and unwavering kindness have created a legion of loyal followers. He has never failed to acknowledge his ''army'' while waiting on the tee, fairway, or green. Be it an autograph, smile, nod, or eye-to-eye contact, he never fails to make the effort to let everyone know: I am here because of you.

Arnold Palmer has also given a great deal back to the community. Arnold helped create The Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children & Women in Orlando, FL, and the Latrobe Area Hospital Charitable Foundation. Even today, he often visits the hospital where he takes the time to talk with the children, take pictures and encourage them.

As Arnold Palmer once said to ''Iron Man,'' his Augusta caddie, ''the game is on.'' Mr. Speaker, let's hope it will forever be. I rise today to thank Mr. Palmer on behalf of all American citizens, the residents of Augusta and fans of golf worldwide. He has meant a great deal to more people than he will ever know.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RAY COCA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Ray Coca and the 1963 and 1964 Western State College wrestling teams, and congratulate them upon their induction into the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame. Ray Coca, a Grand Junction, Colorado native and leader of both championship teams, has done much for the youth in his community since his championship days at Western. It is my privilege to recognize Ray and his team before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Ray Coca's rise to become one of the nation's top wrestlers is a testament to his hard work and drive for success. Even before winning championships in college, he had the honor of being named to the first U.S. national wrestling team, known as the Oklahoma-Colorado team as all the members were from these breading grounds for wrestling talent. Following his brilliant collegiate career, Coca returned home to Grand Junction and immediately began serving the youth of the community by founding a Pee-Wee wrestling program and later as recreation Superintendent for Grand Junction. Currently semi-retired, he spends as much time as possible working with Partners, an organization which helps at-risk children.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to bring the service of Ray Coca to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation to congratulate him along with his Western State teammates upon induction into the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame. He has truly given back to both his sport and his community, helping to ensure that at risk children have the opportunities he was afforded through wrestling. I sincerely thank him for his service.

HONORING MILLIE JEFFERY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to let my colleagues know that we lost a national hero today. Mildred Jeffrey was a great soul who was the very embodiment of American values. I want her family to know that Millie was an inspiration to us all and that she will be very sorely missed.

Millie was a leader. She began her work in the 1930s as an organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, traveling throughout the South and the East organizing textile workers. In the 1940s she joined the United Auto Workers, where she served as the Director of the Women's Bureau. Millie organized the first UAW women's conference to respond to the massive post World War II layoffs of women. Millie then ran the union's radio station, served as the Director of the Community Relations Department, and until her retirement in 1976, as the Director of the Consumer Affairs Department.

Never one to stand around when there were injustices, Millie marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the South in the 1960s. Born before women even had the right to vote, Millie spent her life fighting for women's equality. She was the founder of the Women's Political Caucus, a member of the Coalition for Labor Union Women, and was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

The list of Millie's accomplishments is long. Chief among those accomplishments though is the relationships Millie established along the way. Millie has served as friend, inspiration, mentor and advisor to many of us in public service.

As President Clinton said when he awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2000, ''Her impact will be felt for generations, and her example never forgotten.''

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all my colleagues rise to pay tribute to a great American hero, Mildred McWilliams Jeffrey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain how I would have voted on November 22, 2003, during Roll Call votes #670 and #671 in the first session of the 108th. The first vote was to table the motion to reconsider on H.R. 1, the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act and the second vote was on a motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 877, the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003.

I respectfully request that it be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that if present, I would have voted yes on both these roll call votes.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAMES HOLSTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before you today to pay tribute to the life of James ''Jim'' Edmund Holston of Mancos, Colorado who recently passed away at the age of eighty-two. Jim was an extraordinary American, and led a life that exemplified service to his country, community, and dedication to his family.

After graduating from Mancos High School in 1941, Jim volunteered for the Marine Corps and served in the Pacific arena during the Second World War. Upon returning to Mancos, Jim married his childhood sweetheart, Ellen Garlinghouse and went to work for Mountain Bell where he helped string hundreds of miles of telephone lines in rural parts of Colorado. This important role in the history of my state was one of Jim's proudest achievements.

When Jim retired in 1978, he did not slow down, and selflessly dedicated his time to his community. He served as post commander at the American Legion, was a 4–H leader, served on the Mancos town board for twelve years, and was a member of the Mancos fire department for over twenty years. Above all, however, Jim loved spending time with his devoted family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life of James Edmund Holston. He dedicated his life toward the betterment of his community, state and nation, and he will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with his loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement.