A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF 2004 LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, BOBBY JO LUDWICK, OF BRONSON, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Bobby Jo Ludwick, winner of the 2004 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is given to young adults who have demonstrated their true commitment to playing an important role in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Bobby Jo is being honored for demonstrating the same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Bobby Jo is an exceptional student at Bronson High School. Aside from being at the top of her class academically, Bobby Jo possesses an outstanding record of achievement in high school. She is very active in the National Honor Society, F.F.A., 4–H, and student government. She has also devoted a great deal of her time to volunteering with a variety of different civic organizations.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to join her many admirers in extending our highest praise and congratulations to Bobby Jo Ludwick for her selection as winner of the 2004 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor not only recognizes her efforts, but is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and other individuals whose personal interest, strong support, and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, we extend our most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

IN CELEBRATION OF FLOOD BUILDING CENTENNIAL

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Flood Building of San Francisco and to have the opportunity to express my appreciation to the Flood family for their immeasurable contributions to the City of San Francisco over four generations.

It was a great pleasure to attend the Flood Building Centennial Celebration on April 16 and to celebrate with members of the Flood family. I particularly want to thank Jim Flood and Judy Wilbur for carrying on the outstanding traditions of their distinguished family.

The Flood Building was built by James L. Flood in 1904 as a tribute to his father, James Clair Flood. Architect Albert Pissis, a master of Beaux-Arts classicism, designed the Classic Revival structure, along with many other great works throughout San Francisco. At the time it was built, the 12-story Flood Building was the largest building in San Francisco.

The building's history is one of survival. It remained standing after both the 1906 and 1989 earthquakes that devastated San Francisco. In 1950, it was scheduled to be destroyed and replaced by a three-story modern structure, but the building was saved at the last minute when the Federal government seized it through the right of eminent domain. At the time, Washington was in desperate need of a San Francisco-based office to help manage the Korean War, and the Flood Building offered an ideal solution. The Federal government returned the building to the Flood family in 1953.

Today, Jim Flood—James Clair Flood II, named after his great grandfather—owns, manages, and has his office in the building, making it San Francisco's oldest family-owned commercial building. The Flood Building has flourished under his management, undergoing a $15 million renovation to restore the building to its original style. Architecturally, it is the most significant commercial building in San Francisco, and it was named a city landmark in 1982.

I join the Flood family and so many of my constituents in celebrating the 100th anniversary of this San Francisco treasure.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, an important month in the Asian Pacific American community. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month commemorates the tremendous impact that the Asian culture has made on our Nation. Just as importantly it is a month that deserves more recognition than it usually receives, as it is often overshadowed.

It is very important that this month we pay homage to the Asian Pacific American contribution to the American culture and experience. Through the centuries they have embodied the American spirit and fostered the concept of community. Their adaptation to the Americas and resilience is something that we should all aim to emulate.

Asian Pacific American's have long served an intricate role in the development of the Americas. From the development of the transcontinental railroad to present day the Asian Pacific American community has and continues to make their presence evident in the medical field, arts, politics, science and engineering, entertainment, culinary arts, and military excellence.

It is important that not just during this month, but may we always recognize and continue to embrace the Asian Pacific American contribution to our culture. As a nation I hope that we will continue to all work and grow together. Today Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Asian Pacific American contribution and commemorate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Amendment by my colleagues Representative MURTHA and Representative WELDON that would express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should assist the Iraqi Government in destroying the Abu Ghraib prison and replacing it with a modern detention facility. This Amendment is especially relevant because it is only applicable if the Iraqi Governing Council agrees that they would like to destroy the Abu Ghraib prison and would like American help in doing so.

While I support this Amendment I do hope that this will not be the only step taken to try to undo the damage done by the Iraqi torture scandal. We may be able to erase the structure of the Abu Ghraib prison and we may be able to construct a new state-of-the-art prison facility in its place, but until we take the proper steps to bring all perpetrators to justice and correct our interrogation procedures; we will not be able to erase the image of Americans torturing prisoners that is etched in the mind of Iraqis and indeed in the mind of people worldwide. The court-martial of a few enlisted soldiers is not enough for a problem that has now proven to be endemic. There must be true accountability from the leadership in the Armed Forces. The enlisted soldiers can not be the only ones involved in this scandal, the Armed Forces have always stressed a strict chain of command and everyone in that chain must be held accountable for this multitude of despicable acts. Secretary Rumsfeld and Deputy Secretary Wolfowitz can not hide behind their office, they bear the responsibility for this scandal and so far I remain unsatisfied with their response to it.

Again, I feel that this Amendment to assist the Iraqi Government in destroying the Abu Ghraib prison and replacing it with a modern detention facility is one that is worthy of passage. This is both a symbolic and physical gesture to the Iraqi people that our troops are in Iraq to tear down the past of Saddam Hussein and rebuild a new democratic nation. We must all work to make sure that these gestures are followed by substantive actions to correct our significant missteps.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF 2004 LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, OF JONESVILLE, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence that he has compiled in academics, leadership, and community service, that I am proud to salute Shea Scott Dow, winner of the 2004 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is given to young adults who have demonstrated their true commitment to

playing an important role in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Shea is being honored for demonstrating the same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Shea is an exceptional student at Jonesville High School. Aside from being at the top of his class academically, Shea has an outstanding record of achievements in high school. Shea is very active in the National Honor Society, F.F.A., 4–H, student government, and band. He has also devoted a great deal of his time to volunteer with a variety of different civic organizations and is a very active member of his church.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to join his many admirers in extending our highest praise and congratulations to Shea Scott Dow for his selection as winner of the 2004 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor not only recognizes his efforts, but is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and other individuals whose personal interest, strong support, and active participation contributed to his success. To this remarkable young man, we extend our most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

AMBASSADOR TONY P. HALL HONORED BY THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to the attention of the House the honoring of our former colleague Ambassador Tony Hall by The Center for Public Justice. Tony was recently presented with the center's 2004 Leadership Award.

After his distinguished career in the House from 1979 until 2002, Tony was named the United States ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome, Italy. In his time in office, Tony Hall was a leading advocate for fighting domestic and international hunger. He helped to create the House Select Committee on Hunger, and was a founding member of the steering committee of the Congressional Friends of Human Rights Monitors.

The Center for Public Justice is a distinguished nationwide civic organization striving to better the world through the active involvement of its citizens in the service of God. The Center for Public Justice's goal is the advancement of justice for all people in the community. The center's annual leadership award could not have been given to a more deserving person than Tony Hall. On behalf of all our colleagues, we salute you, Tony.

OUTSTANDING UNIVERSITY ATHLETES

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I commend the great athletic achievements of some of my constituents. This past March, the University of New Mexico's Ski Team became the first UNM team to ever win any NCAA championship.

They are all to be congratulated, but there are few people in particular that I would like to especially recognize. Firstly the team's coach, George Brooks. Mr. Brooks created the ski team at UNM and has been working with them since 1970. This landmark win can be attributed to Mr. Brook's hard work and great faith in the ability of his team.

A special recognition is due to the senior team captain, Jennifer Delch. Her leadership throughout the season as well as her individual gold medal, which she received for the giant slalom, greatly contributed to the team's success.

The team is furthermore to be congratulated as a whole. Most of its members came from other nations to ski for the UNM team. It was their willingness to take a risk in leaving their homelands that lead to both their personal victories and to the team's NCAA win.

Not only have these UNM students excelled in athletics, but have also remembered academics. In fact, the entire team's average GPA is an A−. This is a great achievement and speaks very well of the over-all ability of those who are on the team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you join me and all the residents of New Mexico in honoring the UNM ski team on their success. I would also like to wish them luck in future seasons.

IN HONOR OF SUSAN T. KENNEDY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I rise to pay tribute to the life and work of my longtime friend, Susan T. Kennedy, who passed away on April 17, 2004. Susie was a great woman and an exceptional public servant. We will miss her terribly.

Susie's life was one of service and political and community activism. Beginning with her work with the Service Employees Union, Susie was a tireless advocate of labor. At the age of 21, she was elected to the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee—the youngest ever to serve—and was reelected for the next 25 years.

In 1962, Susie joined the staff of Democratic Assemblyman Phillip Burton. Upon his election to Congress, she became his Administrative Assistant, supervising his District Office in San Francisco. She was his trusted advisor, and he depended on her great political instincts, judgment, and understanding of the people of San Francisco.

Susie was absolutely committed to the constituents and elected officials she served. After working for both Phil and Sala Burton for 25 years, she graciously and expertly helped with my transition to Congress after I won a special election in 1987 to succeed Sala Burton. I will never forget her support and friendship. Susie later joined with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to help create a lasting memorial to Congressman Phil Burton.

Susan Kennedy was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend. To her sons, Marc and Frank, and to her sisters and brothers, Dolores, Bernie, Mary, Walter, Kathleen and Tom, thank you for sharing your beloved Susie with us. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of her family at this sad time.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF 2004 LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, HEATHER LUCEY, OF BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Heather Lucey, winner of the 2004 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is given to young adults who have demonstrated their true commitment to playing an important role in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Heather is being honored for demonstrating the same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Heather is an exceptional student at Blissfield High School. Aside from being at the top of her class academically, Heather possesses an outstanding record of achievement in high school. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a peer mentor at school. Heather is also very active with her church.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to join her many admirers in extending our highest praise and congratulations to Heather Lucey for her selection as winner of the 2004 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor not only recognizes her efforts, but is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and other individuals whose personal interest, strong support, and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, we extend our most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENT H. PATRICK SWYGERT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a speech delivered by H. Patrick Swygert, the President of Howard University at a meeting called by President Enrique Iglesias of the Inter-American Development Bank to examine the challenge of social inclusion in economic development in the Western Hemisphere. President Swygert's speech points out not only the destructivity of social exclusion, more importantly he emphasizes the need for social inclusion as a means to break barriers, build bridges, and create networks as a means to achieve economic development.

I would also like to commend President Iglesias and the Inter-American Development Bank for understanding and beginning to take