

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JOHN L. JERMAIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John L. Jermain of Conception Junction, Missouri. John celebrated his 80th birthday on July 12, 2005 and it is my privilege to offer him my warmest regards on achieving this important milestone.

In addition to being a fine grandfather, Mr. Jermain is a respected farmer and dedicated community member in Conception Junction. He fought for the United States of America with honor in Korea, and I am grateful for Mr. Jermain's patriotism and service to our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing John L. Jermain. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best for many more birthdays in the future.

AUGUSTINE GALLEGOS: THE SAN DIEGO CHICANO FEDERATION'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, Augustine "Augie" Gallego has provided decades of leadership to our community through his distinguished career in higher education.

Named chancellor of the San Diego Community College District in 1990, Augie exemplified the values of lifelong learning. A leading proponent of improving diversity in education and the workplace, Augie collaborated with elementary and secondary schools, universities and employers to broaden access for all individuals.

In 2002, Augie led the \$685 million capital improvement campaign for the San Diego Community College District. As the bond campaign leader and chief fundraiser, Augie met with community groups, business and community leaders, giving more than 50 presentations during a three-month period. During that time, he raised a vast majority of the \$600,000 needed for the "Yes on Proposition S" public awareness campaign and endorsements from both Democrat and Republican members of Congress, the State Legislature, San Diego City Council and the San Diego Taxpayers Association. Today, the San Diego Community College District has experienced many improvements as a result of Augie's efforts.

Augie continues to initiate efforts within the Community College District and to assist other community colleges to expand international programs, exchanges and expanding curriculums to improve understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures throughout the world.

He has served as the chairman of the board of directors for the International Community Foundation, a San Diego-based organization committed to fostering lasting philanthropy to benefit international communities throughout the Americas and Asia in the areas of education, community development, health, the environment and cultural endeavors. The organization recently granted awards to support projects in Mexico, China, India, El Salvador, Ecuador and Canada.

Augie has an extensive background in public service and has served on the board of directors for the San Diego Dialogue (a public policy organization based at the University of California, San Diego), the International Community Foundation, United Way of San Diego County and the Commission on Children, Youth and Families.

He has clearly demonstrated dedicated, selfless and meaningful work that has made a positive difference in the lives of thousands of people in our community and throughout the world.

Congratulations, Augie, on this Award for Lifetime Achievement!

THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESSFUL METHODS OF RESPONDING TO HURRICANES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, Everyone acknowledges that the United States has lessons to learn from the disgraceful Federal and local response to Hurricane Katrina. Even the President has ordered a review of the government response to the hurricane and declared that necessary changes must be made to be better prepared for the future. Perhaps we could learn lessons from an island just 90 miles south of Florida that is frequently buffeted by hurricanes. Yesterday CNN aired the following story about the Cuban Government's successful methods of responding to hurricanes:

CNN TRANSCRIPT: HURRICANE RITA, LESSONS FROM CUBA?

SEPT. 20, 2005.—Lloyd: You hear a lot about evacuations as a hurricane nears; yesterday, the mayor of Galveston, Texas—where Rita could be headed—declared a state of emergency in that city. She also said mandatory evacuations will start today. In Cuba, which sits on the northern edge of the Caribbean Sea, the government usually has strict guidelines in place for hurricanes. Lucia Newman went to the island nation to bring us this story about Cuba's secrets for saving lives.

Lucia Newman, CNN reporter: Cuba is the largest and most populated island in the Caribbean yet it consistently experiences the lowest death tolls during hurricane season. According to United Nations, it's not because Cubans are lucky but because they're prepared.

"We were prepared for a big one, and big it was," says this man of Hurricane Ivan. He and nearly 2 million others were evacuated from low lying areas and fragile buildings ahead of the hurricane. Nobody was killed.

Preparations for a hurricane start well in advance. The same system that gives the communist state total political and economic control is used efficiently to mobilize the nation to face natural disasters.

State run television and the civil defense authority bombard the population with information and instructions about what measures to take. On every block, there's a person assigned to take a census on who is being evacuated to which shelter, with special attention paid to the elderly and pregnant women.

"We have a list, and tell each person where they have to go and there, they're taken care of," says Llance Perez.

In the fishing village of La Coloma, which is vulnerable to hurricane flooding, a massive evacuation was mandatory. The police and army were responsible for guaranteeing there was no looting. Electricity is cut ahead of the hurricane to prevent electrocutions.

After Hurricane Ivan, the seaside village of Las Canas looked like a ghost town. Its residents evacuated days earlier. But while many lost much of their belongings, at least no one had to cry over the loss of a loved one. Lucia Newman, CNN, Havana.

RECOGNIZING JOHN STACY

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a great American, John Stacy. It is my privilege to bring before the House of Representatives the occasion of his 60th birthday.

John Stacy was born on October 5, 1945 in Coleman, KY to his proud parents, John and Bertha Stacy. After he completed his education, he began serving his country, entering the United States Marine Corps in June of 1965. After completing the rigors of boot camp, he went on to serve in a number of capacities, including the area of Motor Pool Transport, as a colonel's personal driver, then as a career planner and a member of the Hostage Negotiations Team. Eventually he became an instructor for the Officer Advanced Course for Military Police.

He also served overseas on a number of occasions between 1966 and 1981, including a tour in Vietnam, two tours of duty in Okinawa, and time at Subic Bay in the Philippines.

During this time, John was continuing to rise through the ranks, achieving the rank of gunnery sergeant. But others saw the distinction he brought to his duties, and he was recognized as the Marine Corps Outstanding Military Citizen for Georgia in 1984.

In 1985, John retired from the Marines at his gunnery sergeant rank after 20 years of service to our Nation and to our freedoms.

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That alone would seem to be enough to make a life worthwhile. But as those of us who have friends who are Marines know, a Marine never truly retires.

And John didn't retire either—he had begun working with the Boy Scouts of America before finishing his time with the Marine Corps, and his "retirement" from the Marines only meant he had more time to invest in the lives of others. He served with the Boy Scouts for a total of 10 years, working as a camp ranger and the program director of Camp Osborn. During that time, he had an active role in molding the lives of young men through the Boy Scouts, and led them by his example of service as he helped turn those boys into men.

But John wasn't finished yet. His experience in police duties and law enforcement led to the request that he serve as executive director of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, GACP, the largest professional association for law enforcement administrators in the State of Georgia. In that role, he took an active part in ensuring law enforcement was effectively represented at the State Capitol, and that the more than 1,000 executives representing agencies from across the State had their voices heard. The position with the GACP also moved John and his family to Columbus, GA.

Soon John received another call to service, and saw his influence grow wider. Senator Paul Coverdell needed regional representatives as he sought to put his staff together to effectively serve constituents from across the State after his election in 1992. John served effectively in that position, representing the Senator, and serving people in need from around the area.

Tragically, however, Senator Coverdell passed away while in office after a stroke, and Zell Miller, a former Governor of Georgia, was appointed to fill the great void left by the death of Senator Coverdell.

After the transition was complete, Senator Miller asked John to stay on his staff, and he continued to serve as regional director, and eventually assisted in the opening of an office in Young Harris, the Senator's hometown.

John continued to serve with Senator Miller until the Senator's retirement at the conclusion of his term in January of this year. And, as my term in the U.S. Congress began, John came on to my staff as my district director. He has served with distinction already, and his knowledge of the people of the Eighth District has been invaluable.

But if you set aside all the things a person has done, you can always learn a lot about a man by his family. And John meets that test as well. During all of his service to our Nation and the great State of Georgia, John has been married to a truly wonderful lady, his wife Elaine. They have just celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary. And John is the father of two children, Graham and Janet, who continue to carry on their father's vision of service to others.

And this great man, and great American, who has achieved so much, is now celebrating his 60th birthday.

Mr. Speaker, I lay before you the life and achievements, so far, of a great American, and hope all the House will join me in wishing him the best birthday wishes as he continues to serve all of us in this country.

RECOGNIZING ANDREW S. CARLISLE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew S. Carlisle, son of David and Susan Carlisle of Saint Joseph, MO. Andrew is 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 31, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Andrew will receive his Eagle Award on October 2, 2005 at Saint Francis Xavier Parish Center.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 5 years Andrew has been involved with scouting, he has earned numerous merit badges, honors, and leadership positions. Andrew has served his troop as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, quartermaster, and troop guide. Andrew is a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and completed Junior Leader Training. During his years in the scouts, Andrew spent 5 years at summer camp, and participated in canoe trips down the Niangua River. For his Eagle Scout project, Andrew did trail work at Bluff Woods Conservation Area.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Andrew S. Carlisle for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING NASA AND THE "DISCOVERY" CREW

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the gentleman from California's resolution honoring the men and women who led, launched, and piloted Space Shuttle *Discovery* out of our atmosphere, and into history.

I had the opportunity earlier this afternoon to visit with *Discovery*'s crew: Commander Eileen Collins, Jim Kelly, Charlie Camarda, Wendy Lawrence, Soichi Noguchi, Steve Robinson, and Andy Thomas.

I have met them before, and they're as impressive in person as they will be in the history books.

Last month, these seven astronauts—and the entire NASA family—took President Bush's new Vision for Space Exploration and turned it into a reality, taking the first small steps into the space age of the 21st century.

The president's vision calls for the shuttle's return to flight to be followed by the completion of the International Space Station, the development of a new crew exploration vehicle, and eventual missions back to the moon and on to Mars.

Discovery's mission to the space station began that process, and earlier this week,

NASA announced its design and plans for the new spacecraft.

America's space program is on a roll, and we will build on that momentum, Mr. Speaker, all the way from here to the red planet.

The men and women of NASA represent the courage and drive that got our Nation into space and on the surface of the moon four decades ago.

That spirit is now igniting a new generation of astronauts and engineers, who will take our Nation ever higher, ever farther, ever deeper into the unknown.

The NASA community—whether here on earth or high above—have done heroic work in the last 2 years refocusing their efforts toward the president's vision.

The goals he has put before them would seem almost impossible to most people—and that's exactly how our space community likes it.

Congress and the entire Nation owe the *Discovery*'s crew—and NASA's earthbound support staff—a debt of gratitude for their successful mission, and the only way to repay that debt is to make sure we work to finish the job they have so bravely started.

RECOGNITION OF BAYAUD INDUSTRIES

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity today to recognize Bayaud Industries, a non-profit corporation whose sole purpose is to provide job training and placement to the mentally and physically disabled in my home state of Colorado.

Founded in 1969, Bayaud Industries has provided services to over 5,000 disabled individuals and is currently counseling 200 people per year. Even after placement, Bayaud Industries continues its support, making sure that each of their clients has a case worker they can turn to, once they begin their first job.

According to the National Mental Health Association "the unemployment rate in the United States for individuals with disabilities is approximately 75 percent, the unemployment rate for individuals with psychiatric disabilities are even higher at 80 percent". People who have the ability to go work find satisfaction in their jobs because It gives them the opportunity to do something useful everyday, sadly, many with disabilities feel they have to live without this sense of accomplishment. Employment can give any person a strong sense of pride and belonging, this is the goal Bayaud Industries has accomplished for over the past 35 years.

The need for companies such as Bayaud Industries is apparent; Bayaud creates an invaluable link between the American workforce and the disabled. Mr. Speaker, I not only commend the actions of this company with their dedication to the physically and mentally disabled, but also for their commitment to businesses across Colorado.