

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO EUGENE R.
MCGRATH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Eugene R. McGrath, a distinguished member of the business community.

Mr. Speaker, Eugene R. McGrath is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Consolidated Edison, Inc., the holding company; and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of its largest subsidiary, Con Edison of New York, the regulated utility. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Mr. McGrath joined Con Edison of New York as an engineer following college graduation in 1963. He eventually held key executive positions in the utility's major operating and customer service areas and managed fossil-fired and nuclear generating plants. He was elected Vice President in 1978, Executive Vice President in 1982, and President and Chief Operating Officer in 1989. He became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in September 1990.

Mr. McGrath serves on the board of directors of many organizations that advance economic development, human services, culture and education. He is chairman of the Union Square Partnership; director of AEGIS Insurance Services, Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, Barnard College, the Business Council of New York State, the Fresh Air Fund, the Hudson River Foundation for Science and Environmental Research, Inc., Manhattan College, the Partnership for New York City, Schering-Plough Corporation, and the Wildlife Conservation Society. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Economic Club of New York, the Development Advisory Council for the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City.

Within the energy industry, Mr. McGrath is a director of the Edison Electric Institute and a member of the Energy committee of the New York Building Congress.

A native New Yorker, Mr. McGrath earned a mechanical engineering degree from Manhattan College in 1963, a Masters in Business Administration from Iowa College in 1980 and completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University in 1989.

Consolidated Edison, Inc., one of the nation's largest investor-owned energy companies, with approximately \$10 billion in annual revenues and \$24 billion in assets, provides a wide range of energy-related products and services to its customers. Its subsidiaries include Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., Con Edison Solutions, Con Edison Energy, Con Edison Development, and Con Edison Communications.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments and selfless service of Eugene R. McGrath, as he is more than worthy of our recognition today.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL-
MAN DAVE DAVIA

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the service of out-going Westminister City Councilman Dave Davia.

Although Dave has been on the Council only since 2004, his involvement in the Westminister community began long before then. He has served on the Westminister Human Services Board since December 2002 and became the chair in 2004. Dave also takes part in the Westminister Rotary, Adams County Inter-faith Hospitality Network, Adams County District 50 Community Education Foundation, and the CedarBridge Homeowners Association,

Currently, Dave is employed as a business systems consultant at Wells Fargo. In addition to this he has also served on the Wells Fargo Education Committee and the Wells Fargo Bank Cup Committee.

As a Westminister City Councilman, Dave's focus has been on diversifying the city's tax base, redeveloping blighted areas, monitoring water supply and responding to growth through participation in transportation projects for the city. He has been vigilant in his quest for these projects and has gained a well-deserved reputation for expertise and thoughtfulness.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to recognizing the ethic of public service among other Westminister City Council members, I ask my colleagues to join with me in acknowledging Mr. Dave Davia.

We often debate and pass legislation at the Federal level that has far-reaching, significant, and sometimes unintended consequences, for local governments. That is one reason I believe it is so important to recognize and honor the men and women who work hard by holding office at the county and municipal level. Many of these individuals are among the best and brightest public policy advocates in our country, but they are not always recognized for the long hours, minimal pay, and difficult work they undertake.

Dave Davia is one of these people. He has worked hard on behalf of the people in his community and I wish him every success in the future.

RECOGNIZING BRANDON K. SNEED

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Sergeant First Class Brandon K. Sneed, 33, originally of Norman, Oklahoma, died on October 10, 2005, in Iraq. Sergeant First Class Sneed was assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, at Fort Benning, Georgia. According to initial reports, Sergeant First Class Sneed died when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. His survivors include his wife, children, and parents.

Brandon Sneed was a devoted husband and father and was eager to serve his country, Mr. Speaker. Like every other soldier, he dutifully left behind his family and loved ones to serve our country overseas.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and the gratitude our country feels for his service. Sergeant First Class Sneed died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty, on a noble mission to help spread the cause of freedom in Iraq and liberate an oppressed people from tyrannical rule. He was a true American.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN
TUCKER

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest sympathies to the family, friends, and colleagues of John Tucker, a constituent and citizen of Baytown, Texas, who passed away September 25, 2005, at the age of 83.

Born in Victoria County, Mr. Tucker served in the Army Air Corps as a gunnery instructor during World War II. He also served in Japan during the Korean War. After the war, he went to work for ExxonMobil, where he stayed for 33 years, retiring in 1980.

But it is not only his distinguished careers in the Armed Forces and at ExxonMobil that I wish to honor today. John Tucker's service to the community of Baytown as one of its greatest philanthropists is also worthy of our recognition. Mr. Tucker established and chaired the "Friends of Lee College" organization with 14 of his friends in 1986. In 2000, he raised over a million dollars for the college for an admirable purpose: to establish a childcare center at the college so that single mothers could

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attend classes and finish their educations. These are just two examples of the many acts of generosity and kindness he performed for the citizens of Baytown. He also served as board chair for the Baytown Museum and served on the boards of the American Diabetes Association, the Lee College Foundation, the Hospice Advisory, and the Texas Exes of Baytown, receiving several awards from these organizations in recognition of his service.

Honored as the 1999 Baytown Sun Citizen of the Year and the 2001 ExxonMobil Refiner of the Year, Mr. Tucker was best known for his uncanny fundraising abilities, his exceptionally happy demeanor, and his dedication to his family, especially his wife Jane.

He will be greatly missed by the citizens of Baytown and all those who knew him, and I ask that you remember the Tucker family in your thoughts and prayers.

RECOGNIZING WORLD WAR II AND
KOREAN WAR VETERANS AR-
THUR NIELSON

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Arthur Neilson, a proud veteran who served during both World War II and the Korean War.

Within two days of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, Mr. Neilson volunteered to serve and defend America. During his eight years in the Marines, Mr. Neilson served in the Solomons, Bismarck Island and the Philippines.

Following his retirement from the Marines in 1949, Mr. Neilson once again answered the call to duty and volunteered to join the Army in 1950. Deployed to Korea, Mr. Neilson was wounded by North Korean soldiers during a gun battle. Hiding in a foxhole and covered only by a tarp, Mr. Neilson hid from the approaching North Korean troops and the massive snowfall that enveloped his hiding spot.

Suffering from the gunshot wound and frostbite, Mr. Neilson was eventually saved by passing American troops. For his sacrifices over his twenty-five year military career, some of Mr. Neilson's awards include the Purple Heart, three Bronze Stars and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

I know that Mr. Neilson's wife of more than 50 years, Joyce, and their four children are extremely proud of the career and accomplishments of Mr. Neilson. They have traveled throughout the world with him and have been at his side when he has been recognized with many awards for a job well done.

Mr. Speaker, true American heroes like Arthur Neilson should be honored for their service to our Nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. They are truly part of America's greatest generation.

A TRIBUTE TO BERNARD B. BEAL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bernard B. Beal, a distinguished

member of the business community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, Bernard B. Beal is Chief Executive Officer of M.R. Beal & Company, a nationally recognized investment banking firm. Mr. Beal founded the minority-owned firm in 1988 following a successful career in municipal and corporate finance at Shearson Lehman Hutton. The oldest continuously operating African-American investment bank in the United States, the firm offers investment banking, financial advisory and broker-dealer services to municipalities, state governments and numerous corporations in the telecommunications, media, technology, energy and financial services industries.

M.R. Beal & Company is headquartered in New York City, with offices in Sacramento, Chicago, Dallas, Baltimore, New Orleans and Washington, DC. Through the end of 2004, the firm has co-managed municipal financings exceeding \$450 billion, senior-managed over \$7 billion and has served as an underwriter in over 3,200 municipal transactions. For the past decade, M.R. Beal & Company has been ranked as one of the top twenty underwriters of municipal securities nationwide. In addition, the firm has consistently been a member of the Black Enterprise 100 List and was named BE's Finance Company of the Year in June of 2001.

Mr. Beal serves on several boards. He is the Chairman of the A Better Chance Foundation whose mission is to increase the number of well-educated minority youth capable of assuming positions of responsibility and leadership in American society. Mr. Beal serves on the Municipal Executive Committee of the Bond Market Association and is a Trustee of the National Foundation for Affordable Housing.

Mr. Beal has received numerous professional and civic awards. He has the distinction of being one of only three people listed on both the Black Enterprise list of the 25 Hottest Blacks on Wall Street in 1992 and the Top 50 Blacks on Wall Street in 2003.

A graduate of Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, Mr. Beal also received a Masters of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from the Stanford University School of Business. He was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the Sacred Heart University.

Mr. Beal is married to Valerie Lancaster Beal and is the proud father of two children, Michael, a senior at Harvard University and Erica, a senior at Horace Mann High School.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Bernard B. Beal as he offers his talents and philanthropic services for the betterment of our local and national communities.

Mr. Speaker, Bernard B. Beal's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

HONORING SAMANTHA "SAM"
DIXION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my thanks and appreciation to Ms. Samantha "Sam" Dixon for her exemplary public service as Westminster City Councilwoman for the past sixteen years. Her tireless efforts have made a positive difference in the lives of many people in Westminster and the surrounding communities. Although she is stepping down from the Westminster City Council, I know that she will continue to stay involved in important community matters.

Ms. Dixon began serving on the Westminster City Council in 1989 and has served as mayor pro tem twice, from 1995 to 1997 and again from 2000 to 2002. In addition to serving on the City Council, she has been involved in a variety of community boards and councils. Among these include the Economic Development and Private Industry Councils of both Adams and Jefferson Counties, Arvada High School's Cooperative Occupational Education Program, Westminster Community Artist Series, Colorado Municipal League's Policy Committee, and the Westminster Human Services Board. She is also a founding member of Front Range Foundation for Educational Excellence and Westminster DARE Foundation. She served as a council liaison to the city Human Services Board and the City's representative to the Adams County Economic Development Board, which she chaired in 1997.

Ms. Dixon's passion for her community extends to important issues affecting the entire region, especially the cleanup and closure—and future use—of the former U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility west of Westminster. She has been an early and active voice on addressing the environmental issues at this site, and has been working with her colleagues in the surrounding communities to make sure the cleanup and closure of this site is thorough, safe and effective. The expertise she developed on this issue resulted in her being selected as the City's primary liaison on Rocky Flats issues. In that capacity, she has been a member of the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments (Coalition) since its creation and also served on many predecessor community oversight groups and committees.

Her work at Rocky Flats led to her selection as Chair of the Energy Communities Alliance (Alliance) in 1999 after having served as vice-Chair from 1998 to 1999. The Alliance is composed of local governmental officials and others from across the country to advise DOE on the environmental aspects and other issues associated with nuclear weapons production facilities. Her work on the Alliance is a testament to her dedication to making sure that the public's health and safety is protected around these facilities.

Ms. Dixon also finds time to be a teacher-tutor with the Cooperative Occupational Education Program at Arvada High School. Her commitment to quality education can be observed through her participation in the Arvada Senior High School's Drop-Out Program and the Jefferson County District 1 Judicial Review Committee where she is a past chair.