

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND
CANON H. GREGORY SMITH

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Canon H. Gregory Smith as he commemorates the 25th anniversary of his ordination. Reverend Smith is highly respected and beloved by the worshipping community of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Germantown, Pennsylvania, and has earned this respect in the many roles he has taken on throughout his life.

A graduate of Bradley University, Reverend Smith majored in Education and Music, and also trained professionally as a tenor. After graduation, he went on to work for the Red Cross, but he never forgot his childhood dream of working in the White House. His father had told him that the only black people in the White House were servants, but the young Reverend Smith vowed that he would someday work at the White House, and not as a servant. True to his word, Reverend Smith soon moved on from his position at the Red Cross to become a writer at the White House for First Lady Betty Ford.

After three years at the White House, Reverend Smith left to follow a call to attend seminary at Nashota House, and was ordained in June of 1980. Since then, he has served as Pastor in Chicago, Atlanta, and Denver. Today, Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my deep gratitude for Reverend Smith's years of service to the community, and I extend my warmest congratulations to him on this 25th anniversary of his ordination. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to congratulate him on all of his accomplishments.

HONORING AL LOPEZ

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Al Lopez, Tampa's beloved son and one of America's greatest baseball players and managers.

Born in Ybor City as the son of a cigar factory worker, Al Lopez never forgot his roots. His devotion to his hometown as he rose through the ranks of baseball stardom was one of many reasons that "Senor," as he was affectionately nicknamed, was so cherished in the Tampa community.

Al was the first Tampa native to play in the major leagues. He launched his major league career in 1928 as a catcher for the Brooklyn Robins, soon to become the Dodgers. Al went on to catch for the Boston Braves, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Cleveland Indians. Al

retired after 19 years in the majors, during which he was a two time All-Star and earned the record for the most games caught—1,918—a record he held until 1987.

But Al's career was far from over. He went on to manage for 14 years, earning a .581 winning percentage and a spot in Baseball's Hall of Fame in 1977. Al brought both the Cleveland Indians and the Chicago White Sox to the World Series and managed several All-Star teams. However, he may be best known for managing teams that finished ahead of the New York Yankees between 1949 and 1964.

Al Lopez's success inspired countless Tampa youngsters to pursue their baseball dreams. In his honor, Tampa dedicated Al Lopez Field in 1954 and Al Lopez Park in 1992. Those who had the pleasure of getting to know Al remember him as being the consummate gentleman. In spite of his fame, Al was always kind and eager to hear what others had to say.

Al's remarkable skill and performance as a player on the field and a manager on the sidelines was only exceeded by his exemplary character and the commitment to others he exhibited throughout his life. His very powerful example will undoubtedly inspire generations to come. On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I extend my deepest sympathies to Al's family. Al gave so much to his hometown. In turn, Tampa will forever remember and honor Al Lopez.

HONORING JUDGE SONDR
MILLER

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge Sondra Miller on her retirement from the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

A graduate of Wellesley College and Harvard Law School, Sondra Miller has had a distinguished career as an Associate Justice since her appointment to the court by Governor Cuomo in 1990. She also made notable contributions in her service as a Family Court Judge in Westchester County.

Judge Miller is an active member of the legal community. She currently serves as Commissioner of the Governor's Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children, a member of the New York State Bar Association Special Committee on Justice and the Community, a founding member of Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA), and a Member of the Board of Visitors at Pace University School of Law.

Over the course of her legal career, Judge Miller has been respected as a scholarly and incisive jurist, receiving numerous awards for her work. Among the honors she has received are the Westchester Women of the Year Award, the New York State Bar Association's

Ruth H. Schapiro Award, the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York's Founders Award, and the Pace School of Law Leadership Award. In 2005 the Westchester Women's Bar Association Foundation established the "Justice Sondra M. Miller Scholarship," which will be awarded annually.

Sondra's work in our community is far-reaching. She is a respected and valued member of the League of Women Voters, Planned Parenthood, Hadassah, the Harvard Club, and the Westchester Jewish Center.

Sondra and her husband Stanley Gelfman live in Westchester County. She is a devoted mother to Sabrina and David Miller, Miriam and Gary Reback, Seth and Amanda Miller, Wendy and Andrew Tatarsky, Sarri and Rick Harner, and a loving grandmother to her 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge Sondra Miller and in thanking her for a career of dedicated service to the citizens of New York.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CORPORATE
HEROES OF HURRICANE KATRINA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to highlight some of the exceptional actions taken by our corporate citizens in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

It is common to hear criticism from this floor of our Nation's largest companies, and I think it is only fair to recognize the good these companies do in times of national emergency.

The cover of a September Fortune magazine reads: "Government Broke Down. Business Stepped Up. How Wal-Mart, FedEx, and Home Depot got the job done after Katrina."

We have a select committee working hard to address the first part of this headline. We should also recognize and learn lessons from the second part of the headline, how business stepped up.

The Wall Street Journal on September 12, 2005, said, "The Federal Emergency Management Agency could learn some things from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc." Indeed, FEMA could.

I recall talking to a mayor in my district in September of last year when Hurricane Ivan had just devastated his city and much of the Alabama Gulf Coast. He said the community's demands on the government for basic services such as water, food, and ice were relentless and almost overwhelming. Then the city's Wal-Mart SuperCenter reopened; the cavalry had arrived. The mayor said it was as if a huge weight had been lifted.

Mr. Speaker, this Wal-Mart store did not open without careful planning, without superb execution, and without the extraordinary effort of Wal-Mart employees in Alabama and throughout the Wal-Mart distribution system.

The efforts of Wal-Mart and other corporate citizens have been extraordinary in response

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to Hurricane Katrina. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. has contributed \$17 million to relief efforts and donated 19 vacant facilities for use by relief agencies.

After the storm made landfall, the company immediately dispatched pre-positioned trucks to the devastated region bearing \$3 million worth of emergency supplies. In addition, Wal-Mart employees personally donated over \$9 million.

To quote *Fortune* magazine, "The world's biggest company flexed its massive distribution muscle to deliver vital supplies to victims of Hurricane Katrina."

It was this distribution muscle that provided relief to the hardest hit areas. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and its employees have earned our respect and our heartfelt thanks.

Mr. Speaker, there are other companies, perhaps not as large, that contributed in quiet, unheralded ways to Hurricane Katrina relief.

One additional company I would like to highlight is EADS, a European aerospace and defense firm that has recently chosen to open a facility in Mobile, Alabama, my home town.

In the chaotic days immediately following landfall of Hurricane Katrina, two EADS helicopters flew dangerous missions to rescue stranded victims, transport medical personnel, and deliver critical supplies to the Gulf Coast, stopping only to load, unload, and refuel.

EADS also coordinated with Airbus to deliver 23 tons of blankets, cots, tents and other items donated by the United Kingdom and France. The aid was flown onboard the Airbus A300-600ST cargo jetliner, also known as the Beluga, from Europe to Brookley Field in Mobile, Alabama.

In addition to the rescue and aid missions, EADS built a mobile medical rescue station in Long Beach, Mississippi. EADS, the German government, and Airbus coordinated to move the 12-ton medical rescue station from Frankfurt to Atlanta. Once in Atlanta, the Airbus Beluga moved it to Mississippi. The rescue station is staffed by 38 doctors and treats approximately 150 patients a day, handling everything from routine immunizations to surgical procedures.

In this time of such extreme adversity for the people of the Gulf Coast, the people of EADS truly came to our aid. I am humbled by their dedication and commitment to help in the recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly grateful to the national and international corporations that made generous contributions in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. I have singled out two for our well-deserved thanks, and I am glad to call them neighbors.

TRIBUTE TO ALL MEN AND
WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to all the dedicated men and women who have served, and those who continue to serve and protect this great Nation.

Veterans Day is a day of remembrance and rededication. We pause to remember the noble service and great sacrifices of those who have worn our Nation's uniform. And we

rededicate ourselves, in the words of President Lincoln, "to care for him who shall have borne the battle."

As our Nation is at war, we look to the brave mothers, fathers, sons and daughters that have answered the call to defend us. With courage and character, American soldiers continue to put themselves on the line to defend our freedom, and so many have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free.

On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind. As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind. As more veterans return home from the battlefield, let us honor the service of all veterans, young and old, that have stood guard and fought so bravely to ensure our freedom. Our Nation must provide sufficient access to healthcare, adequate benefits, and the supplemental resources our veterans were promised and so dearly need. We owe our heroes no less.

Today and every day, the prayers of the American people are with those who wear our country's uniform. They serve a great cause and they follow a great tradition, handed down to them by America's greatest heroes, our veterans. Veterans from every era are the finest of citizens. We owe them the life we know today. They command the respect of the American people, and they have our everlasting gratitude.

May God bless our troops. May God bless our veterans and their families. And may God bless the United States of America.

A TRIBUTE TO RON DOWNS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lieutenant Ron Downs of Fresno, California. Mr. Downs was a respected member of the Fresno police department. He passed away Monday, October 31st, 2005 of a heart attack; he was three weeks away from retirement.

Mr. Downs was sworn as a police officer in July 1, 1967, at the young age of 22. He worked as a lieutenant and commander of the special investigations bureau, for the department's narcotics unit. He previously was commander of the internal affairs bureau. At the time of Mr. Downs' death, he was one of the longest-serving active officers in the department.

Mr. Downs worked tirelessly on behalf of our community for 38 years as a member of the police force. On any given day, he was willing to sacrifice his own safety to protect others. Mr. Downs was an exemplary citizen; his contributions to our community will be long lived.

Mr. Downs is survived by his wife, Carolyn. He is also survived by his son, Kenneth Downs; his daughter, Kris Loughney; his wife's son, Michael Dick; three brothers; and five grandchildren. The community of Fresno is

saddened by his passing and I would like to extend my condolences to his family.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ANITA BOERI 93 YEAR OLD WORLD WAR II MARINE VETERAN

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the many accomplishments of Anita Boeri, whose lifetime of service to her family and country is cause for celebration and honor this Veterans' Day.

Anita Boeri was born on July 6, 1912 to Louise and Rinaldo Boeri in the Italian enclave of East Harlem, NYC. After graduating from Erasmus Hall High School, Ms. Boeri attended Pratt Institute—the School of Home Economics in Brooklyn, NY—obtaining a degree as a dietician. She also completed courses at the School of Business in Brooklyn.

After the outbreak of World War II, when the U.S. Marine Corps called for female volunteers, Anita Boeri applied and was accepted to the "Free a Marine to Fight" program as enlisted personnel on September 22, 1943. Her active duty began on November 30, 1943 with a trip to Camp LeJeune, New River, NC for basic training boot camp. In January of 1944, Ms. Boeri was a member of the first contingent of the Women's Reserve Battalion to arrive on Parris Island, South Carolina. After a week of orientation, she was assigned clerical duties in the office of the Commanding General.

Anita Boeri was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and through her hard work and dedication, became a confidential clerk to Major General Clayton B. Vogel, Commanding General, Parris Island. Ms. Boeri was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps Women's Reserve on November 26, 1945.

Following her career of service to her country, Anita Boeri spent the next 35 years of her life caring for her family. She cared for her ailing father and mother as well as her uncle who lived in the apartment above her.

In 1998, Anita Boeri moved to Atria Senior Living in Huntington Station, NY. There she joined the community with enthusiasm, volunteering for various duties in the gift shop and keeping in touch with Atria residents who were hospitalized.

Mr. Speaker, this weekend it will be my great honor to present Ms. Boeri with two medals to recognize her achievements—the World War II Victory Medal and the American Campaign Medal. As Veterans' Day approaches, all Americans can look to the achievements of Anita Boeri as a model of commitment and service.

HONORING MR. JAMES BERTRAL GALLOWAY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Mr. James Bertral Galloway, who