

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE HUNGER NETWORK OF GREATER CLEVELAND AND THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, for their commitment to feeding Greater Cleveland's most vulnerable families during this Thanksgiving season.

Since 1995, the Hunger Network has committed itself to the elimination of hunger in the Greater Cleveland area. Through public partnerships, volunteer mobilization and their own facilities, the Network feeds over 50,000 Greater Clevelanders every month, in the form of emergency food distribution and hot meal programs. Under the auspices of its Care for Others program, Thrivent Financial provides resources to community programs and local development throughout the Nation.

On Friday, November 11th the Hunger Network, through the generosity of Thrivent Financial, will receive 6,200 chickens for Cleveland families. With the help of volunteers from Turkeys4America and Lutheran High School West, the Hunger Network will distribute full Thanksgiving dinners to hungry children and families in Cleveland and throughout Cuyahoga County.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, as well as efforts of members of Turkeys4America, Lutheran High School West, and so many other volunteers who are giving their time and resources to help the hungry of Greater Cleveland. Through their dedication and vision, they will provide a bountiful Thanksgiving for thousands of families who would otherwise go hungry. Their commitment to the elimination of hunger and the proper nutrition of Cleveland's most vulnerable families is inspiration for all.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, EUREKA COUNCIL, NO. 1067

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Centennial Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, Eureka Council, No. 1067, chartered in Eureka, California on December 3, 1905. Over the past ten decades, this fraternal and spiritual organization has had a proud and distinguished record of public service in Humboldt County and is deserving of our recognition.

Through charity, fellowship and hard work, the Eureka Knights of Columbus have reached out to thousands of families and children to establish important community institutions of compassion and caring.

Among other endeavors, the Eureka Knights of Columbus helped establish St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka, which serves the sick and the poor from across the region. They initiated efforts to found the local St. Vincent DePaul of Eureka, Arcata and Fortuna, communities within Humboldt County. The club also worked to bring about educational opportunities for youth through the establishment of St. Bernard's Catholic Schools, Camp St. Michaels and the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 54.

On this occasion, the Eureka Council of the Knights of Columbus will honor Anthony Gosselin, Sr. as the Knight of the Century. This distinguished honor is bestowed upon the late Mr. Gosselin, who led the Knights of Columbus as a founding board member of St. Vincent de Paul, served as a volunteer fire chief for the City of Eureka and as a member of the Humboldt County Water District board for fifteen years.

Mr. Gosselin served in World War I, married Eva Dandurand and had two children, Anthony Joseph Gosselin, Jr. and Beverly Gosselin Inskip. Mr. Gosselin was a tireless volunteer and devotee of the Knights of Columbus for over 65 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the Knights of Columbus, Eureka Council 1067 and the Knight of the Century, Anthony Joseph Gosselin, Sr., for distinguished and extraordinary service to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GLENDALE MASONIC LODGE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Glendale Masonic Lodge #368 for 100 years of outstanding service to the community.

Glendale Masons lead by example, give back to their community, and support numerous philanthropic causes. They invest in children, neighborhoods, and our future. Glendale Lodge #368 now represents the consolidation of 8 Lodges from the Glendale area: Unity #368 (1905), Glendale #544 (1922), Crescenta Valley #652 (1926), Meridian #667 (1928), Verdugo Hills #727 (1953), La Canada #739 (1954), Oakwood #743 (1954) and Frank S. Land #819 (1965). Unity was started by several brothers who felt there was enough interest in Masonry in Glendale to start a Lodge. The name Unity was chosen because it covered several towns and villages (Glendale, Tropico, West Glendale, and Casa Verdugo) and they did not want to single out any one

area. All of these villages and towns were eventually annexed into what is today the City of Glendale.

The first Masonic Temple in Glendale was built in 1914 at 232 South Brand. In 1928, it was torn down to make way for the present Historic Temple. However, the stock market crash and depression came that same year and the Lodge was unable to service their loan and thus lost the building to private interests. After World War I, a great interest in Masonry resulted and the Lodge grew at an impressive rate. Masonry held its own until after World War II. In 1947 through 1957 another large influx of members was experienced. In 1956, membership slowly declined. It accelerated in the late 1960s through the 1980s. This resulted in the consolidation of Lodges starting in 1980, and in 1997, the last lodge joined to form Glendale Lodge #368.

The Masonic Lodge's mission is guided by the enduring and relevant tenets of their fraternity—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth—and core values which include ethics, tolerance, and family. The Lodge currently holds annual recognition nights for the teachers and employees of the Glendale Unified School District, Glendale Police Officers and Firefighters. They also sponsor a successful and vital tutoring program at Wilson and Roosevelt Middle Schools in Glendale. The Glendale Masonic Lodge also supports the Shriner's Hospital for children, and the Scottish Rite Language Program. Through the Grand Lodge of California, the Glendale Lodge supports two homes for the elderly located in Covina and Union City, the Children's Home in Covina, and a very active scholarship program.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating the Glendale Masonic Lodge and its members for 100 years of outstanding service to the City of Glendale and surrounding communities.

REQUESTING CLARIFICATION OF REPORT LANGUAGE ON ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2005

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express concern with report language that was included in the Fiscal Year 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report (H. Rpt. 109–275). It is my hope that you can assist me in my efforts to seek clarification. The final conference report contains language directing the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to cease funding of an important independent scientific research center based in the Pacific Northwest, known as the Fish Passage Center. The language directs BPA and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) to transfer the functions of the Fish Passage Center in a way that ensures “seamless continuity of activities” without giving any

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direction about how this transfer should take place.

The Northwest Power Act called for the NPCC to establish a Fish and Wildlife Program. That Program has called for BPA to fund the Fish Passage Center for the past 20 years. The data and analyses the Center has provided have been invaluable to the States and tribal fishery managers of the Columbia Basin. BPA should be clear that this report language does not supersede the NW Power Act or the specific provisions in the NPCC's present Fish and Wildlife program calling for a number of key functions to be performed. I certainly would assume that BPA will ensure that the State and tribal fishery managers will have input into how the Center is reconstituted and will take actions to ensure that the fishery managers continue to receive the same independent analyses they have in the past.

RECOGNIZING CARRE J. BROWN OF POTTER VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carre J. Brown, a lifelong Mendocino County cattle rancher who has served as Executive Administrator of the Mendocino County Farm Bureau for 20 years. Carre's contributions to agriculture, young people, and her community are exemplary on a personal as well as public level.

Born in Ukiah, Carre comes from a long line of Mendocino County ranchers dating back more than a hundred years. Following in the footsteps of her grandfather—John Newman, the first president of the Mendocino Farm Bureau in 1920—Carre continues the family tradition of promoting the interests and issues of local farmers. Wife of Louis Brown and mother of Todd, Beth, Will and Burke, she has been an active 4-H leader and served for 10 years on the County's 4-H Council.

Carre is a lifelong member of the Mendocino-Lake Woolgrowers Association and the County Cattlewomen. She also has served on the Potter Valley Community Unified School District Board and on the California Watershed Round Table.

Carre's excellent work with the Mendocino County Fann Bureau is one of the many reasons why her community and the Mendocino County Winegrowers Alliance will honor her on November 12, 2005. Carre's interest in young people makes her a tireless supporter of the Winegrowers' Agricultural Scholarship Program, which helps deserving children of local vineyard workers attend college.

On a personal level, it is my privilege to know Carre, whose easy-going disposition, boundless energy, and organizational skills are just a few of the attributes that have made her an integral member of this community. Her passion for her work, family, and agricultural pursuits make her a treasured associate and resource.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Carre J. Brown for her commitment, service, dedication and contributions not only to the ranchers and farmers, but to all the people of Mendocino County, as well as to our country.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WILLIAM E. BREEN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 40 YEARS OF FAITHFUL PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2005

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William E. Breen on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of faithful public service to this great nation.

Mr. Breen began his public career as a police officer with the U.S. Park Police during the tumultuous 1960s when Washington, D.C. was the epicenter of protest and demonstration. His skills both as a police officer and as an instructor were quickly recognized, and in 1970, he transferred to the U.S. Secret Service.

Over the course of 15 years as a special agent for the Secret Service, William Breen helped protect Presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. He also played an integral role during the papal visit of John Paul II to the United States.

Of particular significance, Special Agent Breen was awarded the U.S. Secret Service Valor Award for extreme courage during an assassination attempt on the life of Presidential candidate and Alabama Governor George C. Wallace, in Laurel, Maryland, on May 15, 1972. After giving a speech at an open-air rally, Governor Wallace stepped down from the podium to shake hands with the cheering crowd when shots were fired. Special Agent Breen responded immediately providing assistance to the wounded candidate. He covered and removed Mrs. Wallace from her husband's side in order to prevent her from being attacked. After ensuring Mrs. Wallace's safety, Special Agent Breen returned to administer first aid to the governor. For exemplifying the highest standards of bravery, the United States Secret Service presented Special Agent Breen the United States Secret Service Valor Award.

More recently, Mr. Breen served with distinction in the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Small Business Administration. In this capacity, he used his extensive investigative and law enforcement skills to develop and execute programs designed to maintain the integrity and the credibility of Small Business Administration programs. Mr. Breen proved relentless in identifying and eliminating fraud throughout Small Business Administration assistance programs. Perhaps more significant, Mr. Breen's leadership, mentoring, and expertise in training, leaves a legacy that will live on in the agency long after his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, the faithful service of outstanding Americans like Mr. Breen has aided in a measurable way to the well being of this great country. He has made an impact. I am proud to have called Bill Breen my friend for many years, and I am particularly proud he has selected the First District of Alabama as his retirement home.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARE CRIMINALS

HON. C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2005

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I commend to the attention of this body a recent column that appeared on Monday, October 24, 2005, in my hometown newspaper, The Idaho Statesman. It was written by syndicated columnist Ruben Navarrette, and it makes some very important and relevant points about personal responsibility, parental responsibility, the problem of illegal immigration and the children it victimizes. I hope that our colleagues will take the opportunity to read it, and perhaps gain a new perspective on an issue that is growing in urgency across America.

[From The Idaho Statesman, Oct. 24, 2005]

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARE CRIMINALS

(By Ruben Navarrette)

I get accused of always defending Latinos. But sometimes what they really need is a good scolding.

Like on those occasions when Latino activists go into left field and start advocating totally impractical policies that add nothing to the national discourse on important and controversial issues.

I got an earful of that recently when I was asked to join in a town hall meeting in Dallas organized by Hispanic CREO, a Washington-based educational reform group dedicated to giving Latino parents more choices regarding their children's education.

My fellow panelists and I were expected to talk about education and how Latinos could demand and receive more from public schools that are doing future generations a disservice with a mixture of neglect, excuses and low expectations.

My own solution to the educational crisis is all about self-help. Latinos can't sit around waiting for teachers and principals to suddenly develop higher expectations for them. Rather, Latino parents need to understand the power they have to pressure those students to take tougher classes, work harder and get grades that are so good no one can keep them down.

The same principle applies to the subject that the audience really wanted to talk about above all others: illegal immigration. And it was during that discussion that reality went out the window.

It started when a woman who identified herself as a teacher asked what she was supposed to tell parents (who were illegal immigrants) about why their children (who were also here illegally) couldn't go to college or apply for financial aid, even after they had worked hard and earned good grades.

You see, typically, the pursuit of higher education requires a valid Social Security number, which illegal immigrants don't have. Some states also require that undocumented immigrant students pay exorbitantly high out-of-state tuition rates, even if they and their families have lived in that particular state and paid taxes for years.

My answer to the question shocked some in the mostly Latino audience: Tell the parents they made a terrible mistake when they came into the country illegally, and that they compounded that mistake every day that they stayed here without legal documentation. Explain to them that our actions have consequences and that one consequence of their decision to trespass across the border into the United States is that they and their children were destined to live lives that