

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MURAL ARTIST MYRON C. NUTTING AND THE WAUWATOSA COMMUNITY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, as a graduate of Wauwatosa High School in a Wauwatosa, WI, I rise to pay tribute to Myron C. Nutting, a mural artist, whose work has been restored and will be rededicated on March 6, 2005, at my alma mater.

Myron Chester Nutting was born on October 18, 1890 in Panaca, NV, but moved to Milwaukee in 1934 to work as an art instructor at Layton School of Art under the Federal Arts Program. Before coming to Milwaukee, Nutting had lived and studied in Paris with expatriate artists and writers whom history has been labeled as the "lost generation." At the time, Nutting was considered among the top 15 Wisconsin artists with training both in America and Europe.

Nutting left Milwaukee in 1939, moving to southern California where his artistic life and reputation grew. He was a recognized portrait artist of many southern California clients, a critic and writer, and flourished as a lithographer, oil and water color artist. He died in Los Angeles in 1972.

Nutting had a close relationship with the controversial Irish writer James Joyce as evidenced by portraits he painted in the early 1920s of James Joyce's wife, Nora, their daughter Lucia, and the unfinished portrait of James Joyce himself. All three pieces as well as Mr. Nutting's other art work and personal papers are in collections at Northwestern University, the University of California at Los Angeles, the American Art Archives at the Smithsonian in Washington, and in dozens of smaller museums, galleries, and archives throughout the world.

With regard to his work in Wisconsin, Nutting was commissioned by Charlotte Partridge, State director of the Federal Arts Project at the time, to design and paint two oil-on-canvas murals at the then recently constructed Wauwatosa Senior High School. The work was started in January 1934 and completed the following June. The murals were originally hung on March 2, 1935, but were covered up during a renovation at the school in the mid-1970s. For unknown reasons, the murals were left unsigned. They remained covered up for 30 years until restoration work began 2 years ago when they were rediscovered.

On March 6, 2005, at Wauwatosa High School, the Wauwatosa Historical Society and the school district office will rededicate these two murals that have been beautifully restored in the main lobby of the school. These two 14' by 4' murals have been restored to their original museum quality and will be an important educational tool for the school's present and future generations.

More than 190 Wauwatosa High School alumni, as well as many members of the com-

munity, have donated more than \$125,000 to restore these historical art pieces.

These murals remain the property of the Federal Government and will be registered with the General Services Administration's office of fine arts, which acts as a steward for the preservation of these art pieces.

I join in honoring all alumni, students, the community of Wauwatosa, the many volunteers who have worked for many months to bring these artifacts back to their former glory, as well as the artist, Myron C. Nutting, for all their contributions to work and restoration of the mural pieces. These are all wonderful contributions to the school's valued history and tradition.

RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS AND IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL-BASED MUSIC EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 45, legislation recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education. I was pleased to join my colleagues in passing this bipartisan proposal yesterday in the House of Representatives.

The advantages of studying music are not confined within the artistic sphere. Music education not only allows children a chance to create and appreciate all types of music, but it has been proven once and again that an awareness of the structure of music can actually help children do better in school. There is a growing amount of evidence indicating that young children who are exposed to the fundamentals of music develop stronger abstract reasoning skills, which are crucial for a broad understanding of mathematics and the sciences.

However, many of the advantages of music education cannot be quantified or studied with tests. The creative thinking and self-esteem that emerge from music education are essential for a full and meaningful life. Participation in music education can motivate students to become active members of the education process. Thirty-six percent of minority students reported their music teacher as their role model; a much higher percentage than any other discipline. As a teacher, I recognize this bond between teacher and student as one of the most important aspects of education itself.

In addition, music celebrates two of the most important values of our Nation; diversity and unity. By studying different cultures through the harmony of music, students are able to recognize the values that we all share. No other discipline embodies this spirit more than music education.

Mr. Speaker, music education enhances intellectual development and enriches the academic environment for children of all ages,

and as a result enriches our communities as well. I am proud to join with my colleagues in passing this bipartisan resolution in recognition of these facts.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND INFANT TSU- NAMI VICTIM RELIEF ACT OF 2005

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill that will help thousands of women, children, and families who have suffered since the horrific tsunami hit Asia on December 26, 2004. This bill, the Women, Children, and Infant Tsunami Victim Relief Act of 2005, authorizes \$3 million to the United Nations Population Fund, UNFPA, to provide severely needed urgent medical and health care to tsunami victims in Indonesia, the Maldives, and Sri Lanka.

UNFPA has made an urgent appeal to donor nations to raise \$27.5 million to provide relief to women in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives. Due to its extensive experience responding to emergencies, UNFPA was one of the first respondents in the tsunami-affected areas helping women.

More than 150,000 women are currently pregnant in the tsunami-affected areas, including 50,000 anticipated to give birth during the next 3 months. UNFPA is determined to enhance the likelihood of deliveries occurring in safe and clean conditions by providing emergency care, basic supplies, and helping to rebuild health care facilities.

Disasters put pregnant women at greater than normal risk because of the sudden loss of medical support, compounded in many cases by trauma, malnutrition, disease, or exposure to violence. In times of high stress, pregnant women are more prone to miscarriage or to premature labor, both of which require medical care.

UNFPA works to reduce maternal deaths and illnesses by providing prenatal care, delivery assistance, access to emergency obstetric care, and post-natal care. It provides services to avoid malnutrition, which frequently occurs after natural disasters when food supplies are unavailable or uneven. Vitamin and iron deficiencies, especially anemia, can be fatal for pregnant women and their babies. Nursing women require supplemental funding to ensure their health and that of their baby.

For example, in Sri Lanka, the UNFPA-supported maternal hospital was being flooded, and staff was able to move all patients but one premature infant to safety and it has set up a temporary facility to provide critical health services.

This bill specifies that the funds included can only be used by UNFPA to provide safe delivery kits—soap, plastic sheeting, razor

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blades, string and gloves—personal hygiene kits—sanitary napkins, soap, laundry detergent, dental supplies—reestablish maternal health services, prevent and treat cases of violence against women and youth, offer psychological support and counseling, and promote access of unaccompanied women to vital services. Each of these issues is a serious problem in the region and will go a long way toward helping save the lives of thousands of women and their children.

These people have suffered enough. We must do everything we can to help them. This is why I ask support from my colleagues for the Women, Children, and Infant Tsunami Victim Relief Act of 2005.

HONORING JACKIE ROBINSON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate April 15—no, not Tax Day—but that memorable day in 1947 when Jackie Robinson officially broke the color barrier of Major League Baseball by donning a Brooklyn Dodgers uniform.

In the face of great adversity and knowing that the hopes of African-American athletes in all sports rested on his shoulders, Jackie Robinson provided inspiration to all of America in his courageous pursuit of racial equality.

By simply putting on his spikes, wearing his Dodgers uniform, and taking the field on that great day, Jackie Robinson forever changed the landscape of the American sports scene; indeed, he fueled a change in the hearts and minds of our great Nation.

Jackie Robinson stared bitter opposition and oppressive racism in the face, all while achieving unparalleled success. He was named the National League Rookie of the Year in 1947 and earned National League Most Valuable Player honors in 1949. In 1962, Jackie became the first African-American to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Known for his gifted batting, blinding speed around the bases, and strong but steady temperament, Jackie Robinson won the respect of teammates and opponents alike. He led the Dodgers to six pennants and their first World Championship as a member of the famed "Boys of Summer" in 1955.

Although he played in New York, Jackie Robinson was actually a southern California local. He grew up in Pasadena, CA, and was a star athlete while attending the University of California at Los Angeles. Jackie's long-standing commitment to Dodgers heritage and his strong Southern California roots make us proud and endear him to Dodgers fans from Brooklyn to Los Angeles and everywhere in between.

Jackie Robinson's sacrifice on and off the field has had a lasting impact on our nation. An athlete, businessman, and civic leader, Jackie helped blaze a trail for the civil rights movement in the years after his career as a player had ended. He conquered countless

steep barriers with faith, dignity and grace, and he stands as a noble symbol of change in creating a more just American society for all.

Jackie Robinson's spirit is still with us today. Jackie's life and principles are the basis for the Jackie Robinson Foundation, which keeps his memory alive by providing children of low-income families with leadership and educational opportunities. Perhaps Jackie Robinson himself said it best: "A life is not important, except in the impact it has on other lives."

To honor Jackie for his countless and valuable contributions, Major League Baseball declared in 2003 that on April 15 each year, all Major League clubs will recognize this remarkable athlete and man. That same year my colleagues and I passed legislation honoring Jackie Robinson with a National Day of Recognition and awarding him the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed by Congress. Almost 58 years after Jackie Robinson trotted out to first base in a Brooklyn Dodgers uniform, the President today will present the Congressional Gold Medal to Jackie's wife Rachel, daughter Sharon and son David, along with other members of the Robinson family.

I can think of no better tribute than to proclaim April 15 "Jackie Robinson Day." Jackie's contributions and sacrifices not only changed a sport, but touched a nation. No athlete may have had a greater long-term impact on his sport or society than Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride and honor to ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting Mr. Jackie Robinson as the recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal and as a great American most deserving of his National Day of Recognition. Jackie Robinson's contributions have truly helped to make America "one nation."

RECOGNIZING ROBERT HARRISON GLAZE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert (Bob) Harrison Glaze. Bob Glaze served honorably on the City Council of San Leandro, California from 1984 to 2004. He was the youngest Vice Mayor in the city's history.

Bob Glaze was born in Oakland, California, and moved to San Leandro in 1963. He is a graduate of Chabot College and Marina High School, where he served as Athletic Commissioner and Curriculum Council member.

Alameda County and the San Leandro community have benefited from Bob's activism and commitment to make a positive difference. During his tenure on the San Leandro City Council, he served on a variety of Council Committees, including Finance, the Cherry Festival, Quality of Life, School Liaison, Revenue Sharing, Long Range Fire Planning, School Safety, Technology and Policy.

Bob is an Alameda County Fire Commissioner and an alternate member of the Ala-

meda County Transportation Committee, Alameda County Waste Management Authority, Association of Bay Area Governments and the Congestion Management Authority. He is a member of the governing board of the Associated Community Action Program and the Alameda County Training and Employment Program.

His community service extends far and wide. He continues to be active in all areas of Scouting, serving as Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, District Committee Member, District Finance Chairman, District Chairman as well as Exploring North Commissioner. He was 1993 Scout Jamboree Selection Chairman. Other organizations that have benefited from Bob's leadership include Washington Home Owners Association, Washington Manor Lions' Club, San Leandro Human Resource Commission and the Optimist Club of San Leandro.

Bob Glaze is truly an involved and model citizen. His commitment is exemplary. I join the citizens of San Leandro who will pay tribute to him on his retirement from the City Council and thank him for his countless contributions.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER H. SHORENSTEIN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished American, Walter H. Shorenstein, who will celebrate his 90th birthday on Friday, March 4, 2005.

Walter H. Shorenstein served our nation as a Major in the United States Air Force. He is an extraordinary American who has made enormous contributions to our communities and our country. He began his career in real estate in 1946 and has built the Shorenstein Company into one of the largest and most highly respected real estate firms in the nation.

Walter Shorenstein has been a valued advisor to Presidents, a generous philanthropist, a noted lecturer and an ardent supporter of education. His numerous sponsorships, board memberships and honors reflect his dedication to art, culture, education, government and philanthropy.

Walter Shorenstein's life has been enriched by his family. His daughter Carole is a producer of Broadway shows, his son, Douglas is President of the Shorenstein Company, and his grandchildren Walter, Gracie, Brandon Jona, Sandra Joan and Daniella are great blessings to him. His lifelong partner in life, Phyllis, died in 1994, and their beloved and brilliant daughter Joan died in 1985.

It is a special privilege for me to honor Walter Shorenstein and to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this good and great American, this outstanding citizen and national treasure. As Mr. Shorenstein celebrates this important milestone, the gratitude and respect of the entire House of Representatives are extended to him.