

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA R. SAUNDERS' 60 YEARS OF FEDERAL SERVICE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Virginia Saunders, Program Operations and Evaluation Specialist for Congressional Documents, in the Office of Congressional Publishing Services at the Government Printing Office, as she approaches her 60th anniversary of dedicated Federal service, May 26, 2005.

Mr. Speaker, this is becoming a habit: Ten years ago, on the occasion of Ms. Saunders' 50th anniversary of Federal service, I rose to recognize Ms. Saunders' achievements, and I expect to do so again ten years from now. Born Virginia R. Frisbie in Darlington, Maryland, on October 11, 1926, Ms. Saunders spent her entire career in service to her fellow Americans. After working briefly at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she came to the Government Printing Office on February 4, 1946, as a war service junior clerk-typist in the division of public documents, stock section. Two years later, she was promoted to the division of public documents reference section. In February 1951, Ms. Saunders was promoted to indexing clerk and earned subsequent promotions in the same classification. In July 1958, she was promoted to library technician. Becoming a congressional documents specialist in April 1970, she was then promoted to supervisor of the congressional documents section in July 1974. In October 1983, Ms. Saunders assumed the position of congressional documents specialist in the congressional printing management division, customer services, and in September 2004 she was promoted to her current position.

As I pointed out ten years ago, although one may not yet recognize the name of this outstanding GPO employee, the end product of her dedicated efforts is certainly familiar. Ms. Saunders has primary responsibility for the Congressional Serial Set, which is a compilation of all the House and Senate documents and reports issued for each session of Congress. Dummy volumes establishing the format for each edition are prepared and assigned a serial number following each session of Congress. The actual books are produced by GPO's binding division, often as many as 100 volumes per set for each session of Congress. As a chronicle of work of the Congress over the years, the Congressional Serial Set is rivaled only by the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. While the Serial Set records behind-the-scenes legislative activities for the United States, the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflects the "in-session" proceedings. Distributed to the House and Senate libraries, the Archives, the Library of Congress, and depository libraries,

the Congressional Serial Set joins the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in offering students and historians a rich insight into the American system of government. Virginia Saunders makes all that possible.

In late 1989, Ms. Saunders recognized the importance of the depository library program in informing the Nation, and drew upon her then-43 years of GPO experience to submit an employee suggestion regarding the appendix to the Iran-Contra Report to Congress. She suggested that this 40-volume publication, which was printed as both a Senate and House report, be bound only once for the serial set volumes of House and Senate reports that are sent to depository libraries. She further suggested that the Schedule of Volumes, a listing of the bound volumes, contain a notation explaining the missing serial number volumes. The implementation of this suggestion resulted in a reduction of 13,740 book volumes to be bound, saving the Federal Government over \$600,000. In recognition of these efforts, she received GPO's top monetary Suggestion Award for that year. In ceremonies held on January 9, 1991, Ms. Saunders received a Presidential letter of commendation under the Quality and Management Improvement Award Program. In his letter to Ms. Saunders, President George H.W. Bush noted, "You have demonstrated an exceptional degree my belief that Federal employees have the knowledge, ability, and desire to make a difference." As one with the privilege of representing tens of thousands of Marylanders in Federal service, I know this to be true.

In tribute to her work on the Congressional Serial Set, in 1999 Ms. Saunders received the James Bennett Childs Award from the Government Documents Roundtable of the American Library Association. The ALA honored Ms. Saunders' "distinguished contribution to documents librarianship," and paid "grateful recognition" of a lifetime of exceptional achievements in this important field of endeavor.

I know my colleagues and Ms. Saunders' family, friends, and co-workers join me in congratulating her on 60 years of exemplary Federal service. See you in 10 years, Virginia!

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF UNITED INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
PAT CAMPOS

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the important achievements of United Independent School District Board Member Pat Campos in Laredo, TX in my Congressional District.

Pat Campos was elected to the United I.S.D. Board of Trustees, District 3 seat in May

2003. Campos is the Case Management Director at the Webb County Juvenile Department. She has worked with children and young adults for nearly 25 years.

Campos says her main reason for running for the U.I.S.D. Board of Trustees is to ensure safety in our schools. "As a member of the law enforcement community specializing in juvenile law, I deal on a daily basis with the troubled youth of our community, many of whom come from U.I.S.D. It is time to seriously address violence in our schools," says Campos.

Campos says she hopes to ensure that all students receive the best quality education to prepare them for the future. She says this can only happen when schools are fully staffed with well-qualified and motivated teachers, "I am working to see that teachers and staff have the facilities, supplies, and administrative support necessary to do their job."

Campos says she will use her numerous years of juvenile justice expertise to "promote an environment that is free of drugs, violence, and gang activity in our schools." She adds, "I do not want today's youth to become my clients tomorrow."

In 1982, Campos was named Detention Officer of the Year and in 1990, the Webb County Juvenile Board honored her with a resolution for introducing the first "Operation Kick-It" program to schools in United and Laredo Independent School Districts.

Pat Campos is a member of the Texas Gang Investigators Association, Texas Probation Association, Juvenile Justice Association of Texas, Texas Corrections Association, National Association of Female Executives, and the American Association of University Women, Community Action Agency Board, National Association of Latino Elected Officials, and Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors, one of two representatives from U.I.S.D. Campos also serves on the school district's Student Expulsion Appeals Committee and is chairperson of the U.I.S.D. Instructional Committee.

Her community service activities include serving as a member of the U.I.S.D. Blue Ribbon Committee, a member of the U.I.S.D. Communications Advisory Committee, a member of the Laredo Safe School Coalition and a member of the Laredo Job Corps Advisory Board.

In years past, Campos has served as a Daisy Girl Scout Leader, Brownie Girl Scout Assistant Leader, and Youth Minister. She has also performed missionary work in Mexico and has served as a Board Member of the Diocese of Laredo Catholic Social Services.

Campos has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Laredo State University and a Paralegal Certificate from Texas A & M International University.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have this opportunity to recognize contributions of United Independent School District Board Member Pat Campos.

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