

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL PETE BUNCE

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2005

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and offer my personal thanks to Colonel Peter J. Bunce of the United States Air Force, for a job well done.

Many of us in Congress know Colonel Bunce, who for the past six years has worked as the Air Forces liaison to the House and then as liaison to the Budget and Appropriations Committees for both Chambers. I have traveled on international congressional delegations with Pete on numerous occasions, and in every case, his skill and attention to detail ensured a flawless CODEL. In addition, Pete has fostered a new level of excellence in communications between the Congress and the Pentagon on policy matters within his portfolio.

Colonel Bunce has served in this role at a very critical time in our Nation's history, keeping us advised about, and facilitating congressional visits to, our brave service men and women in Operations Allied Force, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. His efforts have been instrumental in keeping Members and staff aware of the costs and sacrifices of our military personnel as we prosecute and win this Global War on Terrorism. Pete knows these sacrifices first-hand. As many of my colleagues know, Peter's son Justin, a brave marine, was critically injured while defending our freedom in Iraq. We wish Justin a speedy recovery.

While I have relied on Pete's military advice, I have valued his friendship even more, and I know many of my colleagues on Capitol Hill share in that sentiment. In this regard, I wanted Colonel Bunce to know that each of us in Congress who have known and worked with him wish Pete and his family the very best and Godspeed in all his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO J. MICHAEL BISHOP ON THE RECEIPT OF HIS NATIONAL MEDAL OF SCIENCE

TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to J. Michael Bishop, the Chancellor of the University of California, San Francisco, which is located in my Congressional district, on his receiving the National Medal of Science. Chancellor Bishop, one of the 2003 National Medal of Science winners, will receive his medal in a ceremony in the East Room of the White House today. He and the other recipients are being honored for their devotion to advancing our knowledge of science.

The National Medal of Science was established in 1959 as a Presidential Award to be

given to individuals "deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical, or engineering sciences." Congress later expanded this recognition to include the social and behavioral sciences. The National Science Foundation, an independent federal agency, administers this honor, the highest award in science given by the United States.

Mr. Speaker, Chancellor Bishop's biography truly reads like a Horatio Alger tale. He spent the first eight years of his educational life in a two-room schoolhouse in rural Pennsylvania and graduated from high school as part of a class of 80 students. He entered Gettysburg College hoping to become a doctor, but by the time of graduation he didn't think he wanted to practice medicine. However, he was interested in becoming an educator and after entering Harvard Medical School he knew he found his calling in research.

Since then Chancellor Bishop has distinguished himself in the biomedical field. Thirty six years ago, he chose to take an assistant professorship at a relatively new college on the west coast. He has not left the University of California, San Francisco since. He started as an assistant professor of microbiology and immunology working on the replication of poliovirus, but it was his work in oncology that led to the discovery of proto-oncogenes, normal genes that can be converted to cancer genes by genetic damage. He became the eighth chancellor of the University of California, San Francisco in July of 1998.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent a part of the Bay Area, home to some of the finest schools in the nation. Proof of which can be seen in the fact that three of the eight recipients of the 2003 National Medal of Science work at schools in the Bay Area. In addition to Chancellor Bishop, Charles Yanofsky, of Stanford University, won an award for the biological sciences, and John Prausnitz of the University of California at Berkeley, was awarded a medal for engineering.

Mr. Speaker, in an area of the world which is home to some of the best and brightest minds in the world, Chancellor J. Michael Bishop stands at the top. This extraordinary academic and exceptional human being fully deserves to be honored by our nation for his work in oncology. It is my hope, and I am sure it is the hope of all of our colleagues Mr. Speaker, that one day his research will lead to a cure for cancer. I am delighted to pay tribute to Chancellor J. Michael Bishop on the day of his receipt of the National Medal of Science.

RECOGNIZING JUSTIN LOWE WINNER OF TEXAS VALUES VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Justin Lowe, a senior at Lewisville High School, located in the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for being one of the three winners of the Texas Values Arts Competition.

This is truly an outstanding accomplishment for Justin. More than 250 students from Plano, Denton, Lewisville and surrounding communities entered the contest. Diversity, History and Indivisibility were the chosen Texas Values featured in the winning artworks from North Texas students. Justin earned a U.S. Savings Bond from Huffines Auto Dealership.

Justin's art is now on a billboard going southbound on I-35E next to the Huffines dealership. Justin displayed his Texas pride with bluebonnets, the Alamo, and the Texas State flag in his painting. His piece will be up all through March for National Youth Art Month. The original was sold for \$800 at the Lewisville Education Foundation gala in November of 2005.

Justin Lowe's talents are not only a testament to his artistic skill but also a stellar example of how parents' and teachers' efforts are rewarded when combining a core curriculum with study in the arts. I am proud of the education system in Texas, especially our students, and involved parents and teachers at Lewisville High School, who commit their lives and time to fostering growth of our communities. And I wanted to extend a special thank you to Huffines Automotive for their generous contribution to these aspiring students.

IN HONOR OF GLENDALE ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Glendale Adventist Medical Center for a century of providing outstanding health care services to the City of Glendale and surrounding communities.

Glendale Adventist Medical Center was founded on a tradition of faith-based health care. Its mission has been to educate the community about the link between health and lifestyle decisions and to provide compassionate, professional health care services for the whole person—body, mind, and spirit.

Glendale Adventist Medical Center has been offering families excellent health care for more than one hundred years. The hospital

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provides care not just within its walls, but throughout the community—in churches, schools, workplaces, and homes. The hospital is proud of the relationships it has fortified throughout the years with local organizations, groups, and individuals. Through the unified strength of these partnerships, Glendale Adventist continues its primary focus of meeting the health needs of our communities.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today to congratulate Glendale Adventist Medical Center for 100 years of exemplary public service, and for its immense commitment to the health and well-being of the City of Glendale and its residents.

HONORING MR. DON SNYDER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2005

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of a great Nevadan, Mr. Don Snyder.

For many years, I have not only known Don through his professional work with Boyd Gaming, but also as a friend. Don has had quite a career, working for the First Interstate Bank of Nevada for 22 years before taking the helm of the Fremont Street Experience as President and Chief Executive Officer and then moving on to Boyd Gaming, where he will be retiring as President of the Company. That's quite a career path for any person, and I congratulate him.

Don's leadership in the Las Vegas community will certainly be felt for many generations, and all Southern Nevadans owe him a debt of gratitude. Don has been instrumental in redeveloping Downtown Las Vegas, effectively giving Downtown the breath of new life in an area that is so important for the history of our great city. He has also been incredibly effective in leading Boyd Gaming, and I know he will be missed there.

During his busy career, Don has been active in such organizations as the Nevada Development Authority, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, the Las Vegas Performing Arts Center Foundation, United Way of Southern Nevada, Nathan Adelson Hospice, and the Tournament Players Club at Summerlin. The sky is the limit for Don, and I am looking forward to hearing about his next endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my friend, Don Snyder, for being an example for all Nevadans as we continue to be the Entertainment Capital of the World.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN KEVIN P. MILLER, USN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2005

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and say farewell to an outstanding Naval Officer, Captain Kevin P. Miller, as he prepares to retire upon completion of 24 years of distinguished service. It is a privilege for me to honor his achievements

and commend him for his devotion to the Navy and our great Nation. Captain Miller was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy in 1981 and subsequently reported to Naval Air Station Pensacola for flight training in November of that year. In August 1983 he had earned the prestigious designation of a Naval Aviator.

Upon completion of A-7E Corsair II replacement pilot training, he reported to the "Marauders" of VA-82 completing two deployments to the Mediterranean Sea and one mini-deployment to the Norwegian Sea in USS *Nimitz* (CVN-68). In October 1987 Captain Miller joined the "Gladiators" of VFA-106, where he served with great distinction as Training Landing Signal Officer and Carrier Qualification Phase Head.

In October 1990, as a result of his superb leadership, Captain Miller was directed to serve on the staff of Commander, Carrier Air Wing Seven embarked in USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN-69) where he made enormously successful deployments in *Ike* to the Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, Arabian Gulf, and Norwegian Sea. Assuming greater responsibilities with each passing assignment, he then reported to the "Wildcats" of VFA-131 where he served in four different department head billets culminating in an embarked tour in USS *George Washington* (CVN-73) during her Maiden Deployment in 1994. His personal contributions led to VFA-131 earning the Estocin Award as the Navy's top strike-fighter squadron and recognition from the Chief of Naval Operations for an unmatched safety record.

After serving ashore on the staff of Commander, First Air Force/Continental NORAD Region at Tyndall Air Force Base he once again reported for duty afloat to the "Gunslingers" of VFA-105 aboard USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN-71) assuming command of the squadron in September 1998. He deployed two months later aboard USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65S), participating in combat during Operations Desert Fox and Southern Watch. Following his command tour he earned a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and served on the CNO's staff as Strike Warfare Policy Officer. With many successful sea and shore tours behind him, Captain Miller culminated his career in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs as a highly effective liaison with Congress on important matters affecting Naval Aviation.

Having accumulated over 3600 flight hours and 1,000 carrier landings from the decks of 11 aircraft carriers, there is no doubting Captain Miller's courage and dedication. His superior contributions and distinguished service will have long-term benefits for both the Navy and the country he so proudly served. As Captain Miller enters his new profession I am proud to thank him for his service and wish him "fair winds and following seas."

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM SAVIDGE
OF SAINT HELENA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William Savidge, Vice

Mayor of Saint Helena, California, as he retires after 37 years of public service. His outstanding leadership and commitment to community service has made my hometown a better place.

Throughout the past 11 years, Bill has served selflessly as a member of the Saint Helena City Council. In 1994 Mayor John Brown, appointed Bill to the city council citing his voice and perspectives as qualifications for the job. Mayor John Brown was right. Since he joined the council, Bill's leadership has benefited our entire community.

Bill worked to pass a retrofit ordinance which lead to the restoration of 25 historic buildings in St. Helena. He reached out to youth of our community by leading the effort to build a teen center. Bill's public service was not limited to the City Council. He also served as St. Helena's representative to the county Housing Authority and, Housing Element Task Force.

Mr. Speaker, Bill's devotion to community and country began many years before his time on City Council. Bill Savidge dedicated 24 years of his life serving our country in the Armed Forces. After earning his degree at Stanford University, Bill went on to become a pilot in the United States Air Force. He later received his MBA from George Washington University while stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base. Bill bravely fought for and protected our country in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. In 1974 Bill retired from the military and he and his wife Charlotte moved to St. Helena.

Even though Bill will retire from public office, his dedication to community does not end here. He plans to continue his active role with Kiwanis, the Food Pantry, and other local organizations. With his new found free time he also plans to write his memoirs.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we honor William Savidge today, for his distinguished service to his community and to his Country and extend our best wishes in all of his future endeavors.

LVTTV, CHANNEL 15 AWARDED TWO
TOLLY AWARDS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Lewisville Television Channel 15, LVTV, broadcasting from the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for winning two Tolly Awards.

The Tolly Awards "honor outstanding local, regional, and cable television commercials and programs, as well as the finest video and film productions." For 26 years now, the Tolly Awards have trying to do their part to support the visual arts in local communities. The Tolly Awards encourage a very diverse field of applicants and try to distinguish themselves as an award of broad creativity.

Each award was for a LVTV-produced program. The first award was presented for Lewisville North High School's re-enactment of a Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) called "Deadly Decisions: Controlled Substance." The second winning program was for a "Community Comments" episode on the West Nile Virus. "Community Comments" is an interview-styled program filmed by students from