

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL STYLES, FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVANT AND DESERT CIVIC LEADER

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant for both the Federal government and the desert communities in my district—Michael B. Styles, the longtime national president of the Federal Managers Association and one of the guiding lights of Copper Mountain Community College.

My good friend Mike Styles has been a dedicated member of the Federal Manager Association's General Executive Board since 1986. He served as national vice president, zone president, and chapter president. As national president for some 15 years until this past March, his efforts are a testament to the highest level of commitment an individual can demonstrate on the behalf of federal workers.

His leadership among federal managers was recognized when the President appointed him in 1995 to the National Partnership Council, which advises the President on federal labor-management issues and relations. His six years on the council helped open up communication between the management industry and the Administration and Congress.

In his long career in Tactical Data Systems management with the Department of the Navy and United State Marine Corps, Mike helped make significant improvements in systems acquisition and logistics support. The Fleet Marine Force, one of his main projects, has been improved considerably by his efforts.

He spent 30 years as a lecturer, facilitator and consultant, specializing in education theory and practice. Since 1986, Mike has taught graduate and undergraduate courses as adjunct professor at the National University School of Management and Technology. He is a tremendous asset as President of the Federal Management Institute, the association's education division, having received a master's degree in education from the University of Redlands. He was also a fellow at Syracuse University's Maxwell Center for Advanced Public Management.

The citizens of Joshua Tree, a desert city in my congressional district, are particularly grateful for Mike Styles' contributions to the Copper Mountain Community College District. Mike was the original founder of the Friends of Copper Mountain College, established in 1983. This charitable organization provides students with educational support and introduces them to community service. He has served on the college's board of directors since 1996, and has been president of the College Foundation for the past two years. This college is especially important to our federal workforce, since it serves Marines and their dependents who are stationed at the nearby Air-Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms.

The Morongo Basin has also benefited greatly from Mike's community service. He serves on the United Way's Board of Directors, is a member of the Knight of Columbus, and plays an active role in the chamber of commerce. Having worked with Mike over the years, I can attest to his dedication in bettering the Inland Empire region of California.

Mr. Speaker, Mike Styles has been an exemplary public servant and civic leader, and thousands of our federal employees and students have benefited from his expertise and dedication to education excellence. In addition to ending his long service as FMA president this spring, Mike is stepping down as president of the college foundation. Please join me in thanking him for his dedication, and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS (AANA) ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to an outstanding group of representatives from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) on their 75th anniversary of their founding, as well as the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) for their dedication to quality anesthesia care and patient safety. CRNAs are advanced practice nurses who are the hands-on providers of approximately 65 percent of all anesthesia given in the United States each year.

Nurses were the first professional group to provide anesthesia services in the United States. Established in the late 1800s, nurse anesthesia has since become recognized as the first clinical nursing specialty. On June 17, 1931, pioneer nurse anesthetist Agatha Hodgins founded the National Association of Nurse Anesthetists (NANA) in Cleveland, Ohio. Eight years later, NANA officially changed its name to the present AANA. The oldest national organization of anesthesia providers in the country, the AANA is the professional association for more than 35,000 CRNAs and student nurse anesthetists.

CRNAs administer every type of anesthetic and provide care for every type of surgery or procedure, from open heart to cataract to pain management. CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered: traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; critical access hospitals; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons, and pain management specialists; and U.S. Military, Public Health Services, and Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare facilities.

CRNAs are the sole anesthesia providers in approximately two thirds of all rural hospitals

in the United States, enabling these healthcare facilities to offer obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization services. In some states, CRNAs are the sole providers in nearly 100 percent of the rural hospitals.

Since World War I, nurse anesthetists have been the principal anesthesia providers in combat areas of every war in which the United States has been engaged. During the Panama action, only nurse anesthetists were sent with the fighting forces. Nurse anesthetists have been held as prisoners of war, suffered combat wounds during wartime service, and have lost their lives serving their country. The names of two CRNAs killed in the Vietnam War are engraved on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. Military nurse anesthetists have been honored and decorated by the United States and foreign governments for outstanding achievements, dedication to duty, and competence in treating the seriously wounded. In the 21st Century, CRNAs continue to care for servicemen and women, their dependents, and veterans—whether on the frontlines of Iraq and Afghanistan, or in military hospitals and VA facilities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) and their 35,000 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) as they celebrate 75 years of invaluable service to their patients and to our country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CORAL REEF LEGACY ACT OF 2006

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Coral Reef Conservation Legacy Act of 2006, an important environmental conservation bill, during Congressional Oceans Week.

This legislation builds on the foundation of bills introduced earlier this Congress by Senator INOUE and Congressman FALOMAVAEGA. Both of those bills sparked a discussion on coral reef conservation. I appreciate the leadership of these two gentlemen on this issue and I look forward to working with them as the legislation moves through Congress.

The development of the Coral Reef Conservation Legacy Act is a result of a collaborative effort to incorporate comments from a number of coral reef experts within the Department of Commerce, the Department of the Interior, the Coral Reef Task Force, and non-governmental organizations. All of these groups made suggestions on ways to improve the earlier legislation and this bill incorporates a number of their suggestions.

I believe the Coral Reef Conservation Legacy Act will benefit coral reef conservation and will strengthen the roles of the states and territories through community-based planning

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grants and through the Local Action Strategies. The bill supports the continued use of these successful conservation management tools. To be successful in the long-term it is imperative to have the local and regional entities involved in the conservation of coral reef resources from the start.

This legislation also recognizes the important role the Department of the Interior has played in coral reef conservation and would authorize much needed funding for their activities. This bill, however, does not change the fundamental jurisdictions and roles of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce, but recognizes that the Department of the Interior has a role in this endeavor. In addition the bill continues to support and recognize the accomplishments and conservation efforts of the Department of Commerce. Both agencies have participated in coral reef conservation activities and this bill encourages their continued cooperation and coordination.

While the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 has been very successful in restoring and protecting coral reefs, it has had limitations in its grant program. The Coral Reef Conservation Legacy Act would allow for multi-year cooperative agreements between the Federal Government and other agencies, states, territories, academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations. This multi-year authority will allow more stability in funding for important projects that might now be finalized in or limited to one year.

This legislation also codifies the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force. The Task Force has been an important voice for coral reef activities and has coordinated the activities in support of coral reef conservation. This codification recognizes the important work of the Task Force and the indispensable role they have played in the conservation of coral reefs.

The Coral Reef Conservation Legacy Act will continue the ongoing efforts to protect and restore coral reefs. I look forward to working with my colleagues as this bill moves through the legislative process.

STATEMENT HONORING ROGER ANDAL

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to honor the life of Roger Andal, Vietnam veteran and former South Dakota Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, who died on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at the age of 57 from complications after surgery in his battle against Crohn's disease.

I am deeply saddened by the news that my good friend Roger Andal has passed away. Roger lived a life of service to his fellow Americans. He was drafted in July 1969 and was sent to Vietnam that December where he served as a platoon medic with the Army's 4th Infantry Division. Roger served the next five months in the jungle around Pleiku in the central highlands of Vietnam before being hit with shrapnel from a rocket propelled grenade. He spent the following five months in military hospitals before being honorably discharged on April 13, 1971.

Following his tour of duty in Vietnam, Roger became one of the most tenacious and most effective advocates for veterans that South Dakota, or the nation, has ever seen. Roger's cause was righteous and his will was unyielding. But even in those tough and passionate battles on issues he cared about, he also brought a caring spirit, a hearty laugh, and a ready hug that touched all who knew him. Roger relished a good battle, but he was as kindhearted as he was dogged in his pursuit of ensuring that the federal government keep its promises to our nation's veterans. As State Commander of the South Dakota Disabled American Veterans, he was a true leader, who fought the tough fights and led by example. He quietly suffered the effects of his own injuries while working so hard to ease the pain of others, including the physical and mental pain experienced by his fellow combat veterans years after their service to the country.

Today, we remember and honor the noble service and the undeterred commitment of Roger Andal to the United States of America. I join with all South Dakotans in expressing my sympathies to his family. Roger's commitment to and sacrifice for our nation will never be forgotten. The lives of countless veterans and their families, including my own, were touched and helped by Roger's work, and we all have a heavy burden to carry in his absence. My thoughts and prayers are with Roger's wife Peggy, his children and all his family in this time of sorrow and I look forward to continuing to fight for those things Roger cared about so deeply.

COMMUNICATIONS OPPORTUNITY, PROMOTION, AND ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5252) to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services:

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Chairman, I also want to add that Mr. MCCRERY wanted to cosponsor H.R. 5252, but was unable to do so because the bill already had been reported by the House Energy and Commerce Committee. I certainly appreciate his interest in cosponsoring the bill nonetheless.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PATRICK JENNINGS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patrick Jennings, who has diligently served the Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, of which I am the Chairman, for the past several months.

Prior to Patrick beginning his service with the Subcommittee, he served as the retire-

ment policy expert on law enforcement and firefighter issues for the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). In this role, he took the lead for retirement-related input to the Congressionally-mandated OPM report entitled Federal Law Enforcement Pay and Benefits (July 2004). Patrick served as primary expert for advising the Center for Retirement and Insurance Services on competing survivor claims, state laws on inheritance and marriage, and foreign marriages. He also acted as agency representative in administrative litigation before the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, thereby promoting OPM's position in a variety of retirement areas.

Patrick began his service with the Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce and Agency Organization in January 2005, as a detailee from the OPM. Over the course of the past year and a half, Patrick has proven himself time and again as a man of exemplary professionalism. As Senior Counsel, Patrick's service was of an extraordinary caliber, where he made recommendations on a variety of issues and legislation before the Subcommittee.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Patrick Jennings. The dedication he has shown to the work of the Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce and Agency Organization is greatly appreciated, and he will be surely missed. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF WYNNE ANTONIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Mrs. Wynne Antonio, upon her retirement after 35 years of dedicated service in the Cleveland Municipal School District.

For 35 years, Mrs. Wynne Antonio has loved, nurtured and taught Cleveland's school children with all her heart. She has worked collaboratively with parents to involve them in both decision-making as well as supportive roles. Mrs. Antonio went beyond the call of duty to expose her students to the arts, culture and government of Ohio to prove that a child's education goes beyond the classroom.

In addition to her dedication to her students, Mrs. Antonio has been an active leader in the Cleveland Teachers Union as a building chair, a member of many internal committees, and the chair of Community Relations for the Cleveland Teachers Union Executive Board. On a political level, Mrs. Antonio has been active in local, state and national political campaigns. It is also not uncommon to find this distinguished educator at street rallies for peace, human rights and economic justice. Just this past spring, my office had the privilege of giving her and the students of Carl F. Shuler Middle School a tour of the Capitol building during their visit to Washington DC.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and gratitude of Mrs. Wynne Antonio for commitment to education in Northeast Ohio. Mrs. Antonio's dedication to her work serves as a model to her colleagues and an inspiration to us all. I wish Mrs. Antonio many blessed years of happiness and am sure that while her professional career has