

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THE SLOVAK LEAGUE OF AMERICA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 54TH CONGRESS IN SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2006*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Slovak League of America which is celebrating its 54th Congress on March 31 in Scranton, Pennsylvania, an event hosted by the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union.

The Slovak League of America is a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry that was founded in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1907.

The Slovak League was founded in response to the need to bring the sad political and social plight of the Slovak nation to the attention of all Americans.

Since Slovakia's independence from the Czech Republic in 1993, the Slovak League actively promotes close American-Slovak ties through various cultural and educational exchanges and projects.

As an umbrella organization, it represents the overwhelming majority of organized Americans of Slovak ancestry. The Slovak League remains a positive bridge uniting the old world and the new so that Slovak culture and traditions are better appreciated. Slovak Americans can be very proud of their many contributions to the cultural, educational, business and religious traditions which form the fabric of American life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Slovak League of America on this auspicious occasion. The determination and commitment of a proud people to celebrate their ethnic heritage and pass on their cultural traditions to new generations enriches the quality of life in this nation for all and should be applauded.

CONGRATULATING MS. CHELSEA COOK

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Chelsea Cooke for being named to the 2006 University Interscholastic League Class 2A All-Tournament team for girl's basketball. Ms. Cook helped lead Argyle to its first state championship in any team sport with the 51–33 victory over Wall in the Texas State Championship Game.

In addition to her valuable teamwork in the state championship game, Cook shined as

she dominated in the semifinal win over Poth, just missing a triple-double with 14 points, 8 rebounds and 8 assists. She then followed that up with seven points, eight rebounds and five assists in the title game.

Chelsea Cook has illustrated her talent and team spirit. She is very deserving to be named as a member of the All-Tournament team.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Chelsea Cook on receiving this award and praise her dedication to help fellow teammates, her sport, and her school.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARIANNE BLUM FOR 50 YEARS IN THE NURSING PROFESSION

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marianne Blum, who, this month, will pass the 50-year mark in her career as a nurse.

Enrolled in grammar school 2 years early and finishing high school a year ahead of her classmates, Marianne entered the Long Island College Hospital School of Nursing at age 16. After graduating in 1956, she began her career at the Manhattan Veterans Hospital, and then moved to Queens General Medical Center to be a surgical staff nurse. There, she met her husband Herbert, an emergency room physician. The two moved to California in the 1980s.

Marianne is known for her compassionate, kind and level headed demeanor. Even in chaotic situations she can be counted on for excellent care. Patients will say that she does everything she can to make sure they are comfortable and keep their dignity and self esteem while being institutionalized.

At the age of 66, Marianne is currently working at Del Mar Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a long-term assisted care center in Henderson, NV. Retirement is nowhere in her near future and, at a time when nursing shortages are a nationwide concern, her continued service is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Marianne Blum on the floor of the House. She is a fine example of the workforce in Nevada and a good role model for aspiring young women.

A TRIBUTE TO SARAH KEYS EVANS

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2006*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sarah Keys Evans, a distin-

guished member of the Brooklyn community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive accomplishments.

Sarah Keys Evans was born in rural Washington, NC, in 1929. As the second oldest of seven children, she lived in a small community and is a proud graduate of Mercy Catholic High School. She went on to Perth Amboy, NJ Hospital School of Nursing in 1948, and moved to New York that December. She found a kind home at the Franciscan Handmaids of Mary Convent in Harlem for Career Girls, and remained in New York for 2 years before enlisting in the Women Army Corps in 1951.

Following her honorable discharge as a private first class in 1953, she worked full-time and attended beauty school at night. What followed was a successful 30-year career as a hair stylist, including her ownership of Glamour Nook, Ltd. However, Sarah Keys Evans had no way of knowing that her stand for dignity would lay the foundation for Rosa Parks and the Montgomery, AL, bus boycott.

In August 1952, while traveling home on furlough from the Army in uniform, Sarah Keys Evans was asked to give up her seat on the bus for a white sailor. She refused and was arrested and fined \$25.00 for her actions. Her proud stance led to a 3-year legal battle that culminated in the historic ruling that outlawed segregation in interstate bus travel. In November of 1955, the Interstate Commerce Commission reversed the "separate but equal" policy and ruled that black passengers who paid the same amount for rail and bus fare as white passengers must receive the same service, without being shunted into seats reserved only for Blacks.

Sarah Keys Evans's brave actions resulted in many well-deserved honors. Her contributions to America's civil rights movement brought an award from the New York State Beauty Culture Association and the Martin Luther King, Jr. "Living the Dream Award."

The former Sarah L. Keys married George C. Evans, Jr., a native of Beaumont, TX, in 1958. She has lived in Brooklyn since 1954.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Sarah Keys Evans, as she offers her talents, perseverance and community services for the good of our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Sarah Keys Evans's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

Mr. Speaker, please join our community in honoring Sarah Keys Evans for her dedication and outstanding service to our community.

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