

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES ROBERT  
SHERMAN

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 13, 2006*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. James Robert Sherman, winner of the Eugene Casson Crittenden Award.

The Eugene Casson Crittenden Award was first presented in 1967 recognizing superior achievement by permanent employees of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, also known as NIST. James Sherman is a recipient of this award for performing services that had a significant impact on technical programs beyond his own office, going above and beyond the call of duty.

James Sherman, "Jim" to family and friends, grew up on a small family farm and he worked hard each day with his father and brothers. He learned the value of a good work ethic early on. Married to his wife Betty, and soon to be a father, Jim began work at the Colorado Research Corporation as a machine sheet metal welder. Among many important technological milestones at CRC, Jim helped to build parts for the analog computer as well as special components for Boeing.

On October 20, 1965, Jim Sherman became an employee for the National Bureau of Standards, known as the NBS, which would later be called NIST. Jim joined the NIST team in the Boulder Laboratories as part of the technical community and the Engineering, Maintenance, and Support Services Division, EMSS, as a laboratory mechanic. In 28 years in this position, Jim worked diligently on sheet metal work for the first atomic clock and on a device used to measure the ozone layer. Jim worked to acquire more warning time for the tornado warning system and in doing so provided research which aided in the development of the Doppler radar system as we know it today. In 1995 the shops in Boulder came to a close, and Jim gladly accepted his new position as Shop Planner.

Since, Jim has been the one responsible for ensuring the town streets are clear of snow. Right from the start, Jim was given the responsibility for maintaining the snow removal equipment before the first snowfall of the season and he did this with much success. Of his own accord, Jim, using his own mastery of welding, would even recondition the blades of the snow plows saving the EMSS from the necessity of contracting outside help. Soon, Jim was given the responsibility of leading the snow crew and overseeing the operation. As he took on this leadership role he always conducted himself in a truly professional manner. On many occasions Jim could be found arriving much before a site opened and leaving far after the close of business. This can-do attitude left him with the reputation as the go-to guy.

As of October 20, 2005, James Robert Sherman worked for the National Institute of

Standards and Technology for 40 years. His dedication, reliability, and work ethic through the years made Jim the ideal candidate for the Crittenden Award as well as a model citizen of the great State of Colorado. Not only has Jim worked hard for the State of Colorado with passion and drive, but he is also extremely well respected by his peers.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Sherman, a man of great integrity, dedication, and commitment. Jim has worked tirelessly, time and time again, going above and beyond the call of his regular duties. As a Member of Congress I am proud to represent such a fine citizen of the 4th District of Colorado.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND  
IDEALS OF NATIONAL ENGI-  
NEERS WEEK

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 7, 2006*

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise today in support of National Engineers Week and to especially honor three 8th-grade students from Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District, Emily Duffield, Alannah Pratt, and Max Showalter from Chippewa Middle School in Shoreview, Minnesota, along with their teacher, Nancy Roussin and their volunteer professional mentor, Stefan Gantert, an engineer for the Rice County Highway Department in Minnesota.

For the second time in 4 years Chippewa Middle School has won the National Engineers Week Future City Competition—a competition that encourages seventh- and eighth-graders to explore science, engineering, math, the arts, and writing in order to create models of future cities. The program requires that students work as a team to think about the future and apply engineering and creative concepts in the writing of an essay and the creation of a 3-dimensional model of a future city.

Winning the competition required that Emily, Alannah, and Max all work together to problem solve real-life scenarios, to apply their math, computer and science skills, and to present their ideas as a team. It is these kinds of opportunities that allow students like Emily, Alannah and Max to explore interests in engineering and to be inspired to possibly pursue an education and career path in the math and sciences. We need more young men and women to enter math and science fields in order to have a workforce and citizenry that can compete on a global level and strengthen the U.S. economy.

It is with great esteem that I rise to extend appreciation for and a congratulations to current engineers like Stefan and future engineers—perhaps young men and women like Emily, Alannah, and Max who—have the creative vision and the critical math and science skills to imagine and create a better world in which to live, work, and play.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROY HERBERT  
NIX

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 13, 2006*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the profound bravery and selfless patriotism of Mr. Roy Herbert Nix. Mr. Nix proudly served our Nation in U.S. Army during the tumultuous times of the Second World War. The sacrifices he made to ensure the liberty and freedom of future generations will never be forgotten.

Born in the mountains of Northern Georgia, Roy's family later moved to Colorado when he was five years old. In 1943, at the age of 19, Mr. Nix was drafted into the Army and was assigned to the 112th Infantry. From the farms and fields of Colorado, Mr. Nix soon found himself on the violent, battle-hardened shores of Normandy following the Allies' D-Day invasion of German-occupied France.

In August 1944, Mr. Nix was captured by German soldiers and became a prisoner of war. Mr. Nix and his fellow POWs were forced to march at night from Normandy to a camp outside Paris. They were then herded into boxcars and transported, under constant threat of strafing by Allied aircraft, deep inside German territory. Sixty men were piled into each boxcar in which they could neither stand, nor lie down. With the exception of two, ten-minute toilet breaks a day, the POWs were forced to remain in the squalid boxcars twenty-four hours a day for sixteen days.

For what undoubtedly seemed like an eternity, Mr. Nix was confined to a prisoner of war work camp at Moosburg, Germany, at Stalag 7-A. Humiliated and near starvation, Mr. Nix and his fellow prisoners were forced to fill bomb craters. Working in the nearby forests, the prisoners were forced to endure the extreme cold wearing nothing on their feet except rags.

For a time, he was put out on a farm to work. There, a young child named Sophie would come talk to him by the barn. In the gravity of the moment, even this young girl was scared, because she knew that Roy Nix's life could be taken at any time.

As the war drew to a close and their captors grew desperate, the prisoners at Moosburg were forced to march seventy-five kilometers into the frigid Alps. Finally, after months of captivity, Mr. Nix's day of liberation arrived.

At this time, his brother Fred who also served in Germany, remained with occupation forces. Later, the brothers found out they were in close proximity to each other while Roy was in German captivity.

Mr. Nix returned home to his wife Irene. Though they moved to North Carolina, they later moved back to Colorado to raise their children. Roy and Irene had twin sons Bruce and Gerald, who were born during his captivity. The young couple was also blessed with a beautiful daughter, Janet.

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Mr. Nix has lived his life as a hardworking family man who is always the first to help those in need. He is a lifelong member of the local VFW and the local Baptist Church. His love of family and commitment to community confirm Mr. Nix's integrity and character.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Mr. Nix and other men and women who have given so much for our freedom. Like so many other members of the "Greatest Generation," Mr. Nix set aside his ambitions and risked his life for our nation. I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing my heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation for the patriotic service of Mr. Roy Herbert Nix.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN HOLTORF,  
JR.

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, March 13, 2006*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John Holtorf, Jr., for his impressive contributions to Colorado agriculture. John is a successful producer who is a leader in the use of innovative agricultural practices. He has compassion for the land and has been able to consistently demonstrate good stewardship. Additionally, John's willingness to involve local area youth in the daily ranch activities has had an extensive impact on numerous young lives.

John attended a one-room schoolhouse as a young person, and then went on to attend Colorado A&M College, now Colorado State University. He joined the U.S. Army and served from 1956–1957. Following his service, he returned home to the family ranch 14 miles north of Akron. In 1961, John became secretary-treasurer of Holtorf Incorporated and manager of the 8,000 acre Buffalo Springs Ranch. Under his management, pastures were reseeded and fenced to prevent overgrazing and the Hereford cow operation was converted to a crossbred Angus cows/Hereford bull operation. In 1994, John built a 3,000-head custom feedlot.

John tested and incorporated many innovative management practices, including artificial insemination, estrus synchronization and rotational grazing. He has worked with the Colorado Division of Wildlife to reintroduce antelope to the area, and to select a suitable location for prairie chickens. He offered the spring-fed ponds at Buffalo Springs for local public fishing and established a trophy bass breeding and Canada Goose reserve. John and his brother Tom became the first U.S. certified natural and organic beef producers and feeders in the region.

John has been a positive influence on many young lives in the area by opening his home to the area youth by sharing his time and knowledge. He has taken young people under his wing and taught them responsibility, respect for the land, the value of hard work, and the ability to embrace new challenges with enthusiasm. He has helped them select, train, and prepare beef cattle for shows. He shared with them all the joy of living, learning and working in agriculture. He and his wife Lea raised 3 boys; Vincent, a Lieutenant Colonel serving in the U.S. Army; Victor, who owns his own consulting firm and Richard, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Colorado National Guard.

John's lifelong contributions to agriculture have earned him induction into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame in February of 2006. He has helped sustain a way of life that honors the land while helping feed the world. I am proud to honor John Holtorf, Jr., for his devotion to Colorado agriculture.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 15

9 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace.

SD-430

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Patrick Joseph Schiltz, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and John F. Clark, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, both of the Department of Justice, proposed comprehensive immigration reform legislation, S. 1768, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 829, to allow media coverage of court proceedings, S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S. 2292, to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges, and S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

SD-226

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Joint Strike Fighter F136 Alternative Engine

Program in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future year's defense program.

SH-216

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Post-Palestinian election challenges in the Middle East.

SD-419

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1899, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children.

SR-485

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine ground forces readiness in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Navy.

SD-192

Aging

To hold hearings to examine eliminating retirement income disparity for women.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Secretary of the Senate, Architect of the Capitol, including an update on the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center.

SD-138

11:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

1:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine innovation and competitiveness legislation.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine hospital group purchasing, focusing on if the industry's reforms are sufficient to ensure competition.

SD-226

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the progress of the programs on the Government Accountability Office's high-risk list, including whether a proposal to create a Chief Management Officer at the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense would foster a culture of accountability necessary for improved high-risk program performance.

SD-342

3 p.m.

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Air Force and Navy tactical aviation programs in