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TRIBUTE TO JUDGE ARTHUR K.
WEINSTEIN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Judge Arthur K. Weinstein on the occasion of his retirement. Judge Weinstein is being honored by his colleagues, family and friends for his lifelong commitment to public service.

After graduating from Boston University, Arthur's mother encouraged him to "do something for the world." Inspired by her words, he joined the Peace Corps. He was assigned to a small, remote village in Malawi, Africa where he helped build a clinic for infants which is still in use today. Although he had to extend his stay an additional year to complete the project, he never wavered. The clinic has helped save the lives of hundreds of thousands of children.

In 1969, not wanting to veer from his personal mission, Arthur moved to California to attend UCLA and earn a masters degree in public health. He then served as a senior health educator for the county of Los Angeles. During these years he married, raised a family and attended evening law school classes. His strong interest in public service led him to become a defense attorney for the State Compensation and Insurance Fund and a certified specialist in Workers Compensation Law.

Arthur Weinstein was appointed a Workers Compensation judge nearly 5 years ago, achieving a long sought after goal. He has earned a stellar reputation and the respect of his peers. Judge Weinstein is married to Dina and they have three grown children and six grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting an outstanding member of the community, Judge Arthur Weinstein.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LORI ANN
FOUTZ

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lori Ann Foutz who is the recipient of the 2006 Nevada Young Mother of the Year Award.

Lori graduated from Brigham Young University in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in art education and a minor in health. She and her husband, Tracy Foutz, moved to Henderson in 1990 where he has worked for Clark County and the city of Henderson as a city planner. They have four children: Lance Tracy, Travis Lee, Jaclyn Beth, and Victoria Jo.

Lori has been a weekly classroom volunteer in her children's classes for the past 12 years, specializing in fun Halloween parties, campaign manager for her kid's student council elections and homecoming floats. She has

served as chairman for the PTA Reflections Art contest for 10-year-olds.

Lance and Travis have achieved their Eagle Scout award, run cross-country and played volleyball in high school. All four children have participated in soccer and basketball, and the girls attend dance classes.

Lori is very active in the LDS Church and has served as president of the Young Women's Organization and is currently the president of the women's auxiliary, the Relief Society. She is responsible for more than 150 women, seeing to their temporal and spiritual needs.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Lori Ann Foutz today. She is a fine example of motherhood and I commend her for her service to the State of Nevada.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 41 on H. Res. 725, providing for consideration of H.R. 4939, I was on a leave of absence due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

A TRIBUTE TO CLAUDETTE
ELLIOT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Claudette Elliot, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn community.

Claudette Elliot is a quiet maverick and community trailblazer. Born in Trinidad West Indies, Claudette and her family emigrated to the United States of America in the mid-1960s where she pursued her dream of higher education. A staunch advocate of education, Claudette obtained an associate degree in business administration at Kingsborough Community College, a bachelor's degree in business management at Long Island University and a professional diploma in paralegal studies at Baruch College. During her 30 plus years of employment, Claudette worked in both the private and public sector. Presently, she is employed by the New York City Housing Authority where she tirelessly serves the residents of the Brownsville community.

Her socially conscious political work has brought her into contact with a number of organizations that have greatly benefited from her talents. Claudette is committed to public service in the East New York community and has served in various capacities. Claudette volunteers her service as the financial secretary to the Van Siclen Block Association that she incorporated. Also, she initiated and organized several fundraisers to achieve the goals for the block association residents and homeowners. As the treasurer of East New York Concerned Citizens, Inc., Claudette has spearheaded and coordinated various social events, which benefited the residents and seniors of the East New York community. In addition,

she served as a committee member of the Beaux Arts Ball 2005 in memory of Ossie Davis.

Mr. Speaker, Claudette Elliot is a dedicated person who tirelessly serves our community and because of her devotion we bestow this honor upon her.

Mr. Speaker, please join our community in honoring Claudette Elliot for her dedication and outstanding service to our community.

HONORING TRINITY BAPTIST
CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF
ITS 100TH YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Trinity Baptist Church on the occasion of its 100th year.

Trinity Baptist Church has been a vital partner to the town of Wilmer, Alabama. The church was founded in 1906, and for a century, this congregation has been worshipping God and serving the people of south Alabama.

The congregation of Trinity Baptist Church has used its resources and opportunities to provide hope, comfort, instruction, and inspiration to so many in south Alabama.

It is my sincere hope that Trinity Baptist Church will continue to be such a source of inspiration, hope, and comfort to the people of Wilmer for another 100 years, and I rise today to salute this congregation and the many contributions they have made toward the spiritual enrichment of the community and the betterment of south Alabama.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE CITY OF
CUDAHY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, It is an honor to rise today in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the City of Cudahy, a community that I am proud to serve as part of the Fourth Congressional District. Happy 100th Birthday, Cudahy!

Cudahy occupies a beautiful stretch of land that lies along the south shore of Lake Michigan. Settled on former Potawatomi tribal grounds, the City of Cudahy was incorporated in 1906, having emerged in the wake of Patrick Cudahy's decision to establish the Cudahy Brothers meatpacking plant there. Throughout the 20th century, the City of Cudahy contributed significantly to the development of the area's strong manufacturing economy, serving as home to a number of prominent local companies.

Cudahy's hallmark is its strong sense of community, a testament to the values and work ethic of the immigrant families who served as its backbone. Cudahy's slogan, Generations of Pride, conveys the sense of connection people feel to their hometown, and it is easy to see why. Early city planners ensured that generations of residents would have access to beautiful public parks, and preserved the shoreline for public use. From its

earliest days, Cudahy fostered a spirit of volunteerism and public involvement that is very much alive and well today. Modern-day community efforts—including the expansion of the local library, strong support for Cudahy Interfaith and Project Concern, and participation in a wide range of civic organizations—pay tribute to the actions of city founders who dedicated themselves to public service.

With the decline of manufacturing, Cudahy is now focused on redevelopment and identifying new engines for growth. Local leaders have proposed exciting projects and the community is engaging in vigorous debate. I am confident that city residents will continue to draw on their laudable history, carrying on the legacy of the generations that built this community. I am delighted to recognize the City of Cudahy on this occasion, to congratulate its founders and residents on their many accomplishments, and to offer my best wishes for the future.

THE OUTSOURCING OF AMERICA AND AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in staunch opposition to the outsourcing of American national security. In the current climate, our national security must be paramount and we have an obligation to our constituents to make every effort to protect our homeland. As the Bush Administration recently learned, outsourcing the operations of our ports is a dangerous path and poses serious security concerns and grave implications for the safety of our Nation. Fortunately, the proposed sale of American seaports to Dubai Ports World, the government-owned company based in the United Arab Emirates, appears to have been stopped. But we must remain vigilant to prevent this potentially dangerous outsourcing of America.

The haphazard attitude towards American security policy that was on display in the Dubai Ports debacle, takes America backwards in our fight with terrorists. In a post 9/11 world, handing over management and daily operations to a country that funneled money to the 9/11 hijackers, served as a transfer point of nuclear components to Iran, Libya, and North Korea, and continues to participate in the boycott against Israel, is unwise at best.

In the last few weeks, I received hundreds of emails, letters, and phone calls from extremely alarmed and angry constituents about this transaction. As I meet people all across my district, they are asking, "Is American security for sale?"

It is clear to me that the Administration only gave the Dubai Ports deal a cursory look before approving it in January. We should institute a mandatory review of all foreign transactions that could impact national security, requiring the President to notify Congress; and ensuring that Congress has a role in vetting the proposed foreign takeover. The CFIUS review process is in need of major reform, especially if they intend to take America down this spiraling path.

This controversy also brings to the forefront the enormous concerns that surround port security in our country. Even after 9/11, only six percent of containers entering our ports are screened, and the Administration has failed to develop container security standards. The President's 2007 Budget eliminates port security grants and there are still no minimum security standards for containers entering the United States. Seventy-five percent of our ports do not even have the capacity to screen containers for weapons of mass destruction. We must build a comprehensive port security system that closes these loopholes and strengthens safeguards.

But it should come as no surprise that America has begun to outsource our national security, since we continue to promote policies that encourage businesses to ship jobs overseas. Outsourcing comes with substantial costs to the American public and is reflected in our record trade deficit of 725 billion dollars in 2005.

Hundreds of thousands of American jobs continue to be shipped overseas. From accountants and computer programmers to factory personnel, American workers are losing their jobs because companies are outsourcing their production so they can hire low-wage workers abroad and not have to follow meaningful labor laws or environmental protections.

Manufacturing has been particularly hard hit. My district has lost thousands and thousands of manufacturing jobs, and the losses continue. These are good-paying jobs that have built the middle class in our country, the middle class which is the backbone of America. Some say that these job losses are insignificant because these are old industries that should be allowed to disappear in America. I could not disagree more. We must act now to help manufacturers keep jobs in this country. When these jobs are lost, not only do families suffer, but our national security suffers because we lose the ability to manufacture goods that are critical to the defense of our country.

Today, many companies that ship jobs to other countries receive federal tax breaks. This means that the current tax code actually encourages companies to move their production centers out of the U.S. to cut costs. We must end these tax breaks and instead cut taxes for companies that keep American jobs here in the U.S. These cuts will encourage companies to maintain factories and preserve jobs here, and give them the capital they need to grow and fuel our economy.

Mr. Speaker, first it was manufacturing, then high tech, and now our security that is being sold to the highest bidder. We cannot allow this to continue. We must protect America's families by defending our national security and preserving and growing American jobs. America must not be sold out.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LAURIE RICHARDSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor Laurie Richardson, who is the recipient of the 2006 Nevada Mother of the Year Award.

At an early age, Laurie found that she had a gift for advocating for children. After marrying her sweetheart Sullivan Richardson, Laurie opened her heart and home to abused and neglected children as a foster parent, of which she adopted four. She also gave birth to three children of her own.

Active in church programs, Laurie helped her children develop talents in music and sports, and encouraged their community involvement while serving as a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader, leading to her son earning his Eagle Scout Award. She has organized several mother support groups, volunteered for PTA, and led many service opportunities.

While raising special-needs children, Laurie helped communities and schools recognize the unique needs of children with academic, social, and emotional problems. For twenty-nine years, Laurie has voluntarily advocated for children within school districts, taught parenting classes and represented abused children in court.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Laurie Richardson on the floor of the House today. She is an outstanding example to all parents and I commend her for her service to the communities and children of Nevada.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Chairman, during rollcall vote No. 43 on the Gilchrest amendment to H.R. 4939, I was on a leave of absence due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

A TRIBUTE TO MARY ANN HAWTHORNE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mary Ann Hawthorne, a distinguished 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.

Born, raised and entirely educated in the state of New York, Mary Ann Hawthorne has found a unique way to give back to her state's education system. Ms. Hawthorne earned her Bachelors in Education from Bernard Baruch College in New York City in 1972. During her first two years as a teacher, Ms. Hawthorne simultaneously worked her way through Graduate school and earned a Masters in Business Education from Long Island University. Four years later, Ms. Hawthorne received her Professional Diploma and Masters of Science in Administration and Supervision of Education.

Deeply committed to the education of New York's youth, Ms. Hawthorne worked as a teacher, an Assistant Principal, and a Principal. Today, Ms. Hawthorne is the Community Superintendent for District 11, as well as Local Instructional Superintendent for Region 2. Ms. Hawthorne has acted as a wonderful role model to children and fellow educators alike.