

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING KAREN WOLFORD FOR RECEIVING THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2006

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great honor to rise before you today in celebration of the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Distinguished Service Award Recipient, Ms. Karen Wolford.

As Property Management Specialist, Ms. Wolford is a widely recognized expert in her field of asset forfeiture. She joined the USMS Asset Forfeiture Unit in the District of Maryland in 1968. According to her justification for the award, "she may very well be the longest serving current employee of the USMS." She has been a tremendous asset to the United States Marshals Service and the Department of Justice. Over the years, Ms. Wolford has acquired a wealth of knowledge. Her outstanding leadership and professionalism have led her to achieve great things in her field.

Ms. Wolford is the supervisor of one USMS employee and five asset forfeiture employees. In her role as supervisor, she oversees all activities in the District of Maryland, Delaware, Western Michigan, Western Missouri and West Virginia.

She is a past member of the US Marshals, Leadership Council and the AFO Process Mapping Team. She is also a current member of the LECC Asset Forfeiture Committee.

During her employment, she has received awards from Dundalk Community College, the Federal Bar Association, the Maryland State Police, and the Asset Forfeiture Office. Ms. Wolford has received many letters of commendation, clean audit reports and outstanding performance awards.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to represent such a hard working and dedicated person in the Second Congressional District of Maryland. Ms. Karen Wolford is truly deserving of all the awards and acknowledgements she has received. Please join with me in honoring her for the continuous contributions she has made to the United States Marshals Service and the Department of Justice.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN DAVITT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2006

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John Davitt who is retiring as Superintendent-President of Glendale Community College after 38 years of exemplary service.

Dr. Davitt has been president of Glendale Community College since 1985 and is the longest-tenured head of a community college

in California. He is credited with overseeing a tripling of enrollment, bringing the current student population to about 22,000. There are literally tens of thousands of former Glendale College students who live not only in the Glendale community, but throughout Southern California, who have attended the college—taking a class to enrich their lives, or several general education classes in order to transfer to a four-year university.

Dr. Davitt has always included everyone in the campus community, from students and faculty to administrators and staff, when faced with the decision-making process that affected the students. Dr. Davitt acted each day to bolster opportunities for the students. He was instrumental in obtaining funding for the new state-of-the-art science center and planetarium—a facility no other community college in the nation boasts. Through his devoted focus on quality academics, Dr. Davitt has propelled Glendale to the forefront of the community colleges.

In 1968, Dr. Davitt introduced his unique and open management style to our community by taking the position of Administrative Dean of Personnel Services at Glendale Community College. In 1983, he was named Vice President of Instructional Services. Subsequently, in 1985 he became the college's Superintendent-President, transforming the campus into an innovative and productive center for learning. Dr. Davitt has devoted 38 years of dedicated service to the Glendale community. He is a remarkable man who is respected not only by the college's faculty, but by the student body as well. Dr. Davitt has managed to instill strong values of academics and workmanship while serving Glendale Community College, and these ideals are still gratified today.

The Glendale community is indebted to Dr. Davitt for his countless achievements. I want to again congratulate John Davitt on a truly exemplary professional and public service career, and for his immense commitment to Glendale Community College and the students it serves.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed three votes on May 4th, 2006 because I had minor surgery. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on the Sanchez amendment which prohibits the current Customs and Border Protection (CBP) practice of granting expedited clearance to Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) members that have not had their security plans physically reviewed by CBP; "yes" on the Motion to Recommit which would require that 100% of shipping containers be scanned and sealed using the best available

technology before being loaded onto ships destined for the United States; and "yes" on H.R. 4954, the SAFE Port Act.

RECOGNIZING DOUGLAS AND SHARON STROUSE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2006

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before you in recognition of the outstanding community outreach efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Strouse. Recently, the American Red Cross issued the Strouses with the Hometown Hero Education Award.

Several years ago, the Strouse family suffered a great loss. Their daughter, Kristin Rita, like many young girls, battled depression. Unfortunately, her illness overwhelmed her and she took her own life.

Dealing with the loss of a child is the ultimate challenge any parent can attempt to overcome. Although the loss was extremely difficult for them, the Strouses were able to triumph by using their pain as motivation. The couple developed the Kristin Rita Strouse Foundation (KRSF) which raises awareness of the illness, develops methods of prevention, and provides high schools and universities with educational resources.

Many of today's youth struggle with their private pain; they often need some type of intervention but are unable to find it. Kristin was a talented girl with a passion for art. Her natural-born gift led her to the Parson School of Design. Shortly before her death, she created a work which is the inspiration of the annual "Yellow Dress Golf Classic Dinner and Live Auction," which raises money for depression awareness and provides funding for the foundation. Doug and Sharon Strouse have made a conscious effort to guarantee others will not suffer in silence. As a tribute to their daughter, they have devoted their energy to saving the lives of those who still have a fighting chance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join with me in honoring Douglas and Sharon Strouse as well as the memory of their daughter, Kristin Rita Strouse. It took an incredible amount of strength to build this successful organization and they must be commended for the assistance and education they are providing to this nation's youth.

H.R. 282 IRAN SANCTIONS ACT

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2006

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, recently I made a difficult decision in voting against H.R.

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282, the Iran Sanctions Act, a bill that I co-sponsored. I based my vote on the significant changes the International Relations Committee made to the underlying bill, many of which I believe are counter-productive to the U.S. efforts to deter Iran from its nuclear ambitions. It is also a reflection of my strong concerns, based on numerous recent and credible reports, that the Administration is actively exploring and studying a number of military options against Iran. The significant alterations made to H.R. 282 in Committee and the changing political circumstances informed my decision to vote against this legislation.

I want to outline several changes made to H.R. 282 that I oppose. Specifically, H.R. 282 was amended to include a brand new section requiring the president to impose sanctions under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 against any "agency or instrumentality" of a foreign government investing \$20 million or more in the development of Iran's oil or gas industry. The president is also required to publish in the Federal Register a list of all U.S. and foreign entities that have invested more than \$20 million in Iran's energy sector retroactive to August 5, 1996. I believe such a heavy-handed approach targeting foreign investment in the oil or gas industry is misguided. The Department of State, in a letter to the House International Relations Committee, has stated that H.R. 282 impairs our government's ability to work with our allies in pursuit of a diplomatic solution in dealing with Iran's nuclear ambitions. Rather than encouraging a collaborative process with our colleagues at the U.N. Security Council, this bill penalizes them. I believe this new prohibition, which was not part of H.R. 282 at the time I co-sponsored it, hinders our ability to proactively work with our partners in responding to the challenges imposed by Iran.

In addition, I am very troubled by a new provision of the bill, incorporated by the International Relations Committee, which purports to strengthen the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. It contains the following "finding" of Congress: "Iran has manipulated Article IV of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty to acquire technologies needed to *manufacture nuclear weapons* under the guise of developing peaceful nuclear technology." [Emphasis added.] I find this language troubling. The finding states a conclusion that Iran is seeking to manufacture nuclear weapons as it pursues the development of nuclear power generation. I fear that this or a subsequent Administration could use such finding to justify an invasion or other military action against Iran, under its doctrine of preemption. Prior to its 2003 invasion of Iraq, the Administration cited the Iraq Liberation Act of 1998 as one of its bases for taking this country into war. A Congressional finding that Iran is seeking to manufacture nuclear weapons could provide a basis for the Administration to conduct preemptive strikes or declare war against Iran. I believe Congress should not, once again, provide cover to this Administration, which has shown ample evidence of incompetence in the collection of intelligence on the development of weapons of mass destruction by foreign nations. A Congressional "finding" is no substitute for reliable

intelligence on the status of Iran's nuclear program. Mr. Speaker, much has changed in the months between the introduction of H.R. 282 and our floor debate last week. Iran abandoned its voluntary suspension of enrichment-related activities at the beginning of this year. Subsequently the U.N. Security Council called for Iran's compliance with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The International Atomic Energy Agency reported just last week that Tehran's work on enriching uranium was accelerating even as it continued to block inspectors' attempts to learn more about the troubling parts of the program. The United States is now engaged in the difficult task of persuading the U.N. Security Council to order an end to Iran's nuclear program. Aggressive diplomatic efforts with our allies are now more critical than ever. Yet, recent reports, including a detailed article by Seymour Hersh published in the New Yorker, suggest that the Administration is planning to pursue military options, including the use of nuclear weapons, against Iran to prevent its acquisition and development of atomic warheads. News articles have also disclosed that senior Pentagon strategists are updating plans to strike Iran's nuclear sites. The Administration's apparent pursuit of a nuclear option before diplomatic efforts have run their course is not only irresponsible, it is simply wrong. Passing H.R. 282, as amended in Committee, at this critical juncture not only appears to represent Congress' acquiescence in this Administration's foolhardy tendency to plan for war without diplomacy, it risks validating the Administration's go-it-alone approach in chasing a military solution to Iran's nuclear ambition.

Make no mistake; I believe the threat imposed by Iran must be addressed swiftly and skillfully, but through diplomatic means. I supported the underlying goals of the Iran-Libya sanctions Act enacted in 1996 that sought to deter private foreign investment in Iran's energy sector. But much has changed between the time when I signed on as a cosponsor of H.R. 282 and the time I was asked to vote on it, both with regard to the substance of the bill and the political climate surrounding the issue. At a time when the House of Representatives should be putting our full support behind multilateral diplomacy and efforts to persuade the U.N. Security Council to act decisively, we passed a bill that would further alienate our allies and give cover for a military attack by this Administration. For these reasons, I could not, in good conscience, vote for this bill that I once supported. It is my sincere hope that the Senate will take a much more balanced approach that would truly strengthen, not hinder, the interests of our diplomatic efforts in addressing Iran's nuclear threat.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CENTAURI HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2006

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and applaud the Centauri High

School Falcons Girls Basketball team for their thrilling victory over the Denver Christian High Crusaders in the Colorado State Championship this past March. This riveting victory marks Centauri High School's second girls state championship, one undoubtedly deserved by this group of hard-working and devoted players.

Displaying their tenacious defense, the Falcons forced 31 turnovers against the Crusaders. Even though they were down by 8 points at the end of the first half, Centauri High proved its maturity and experience, regrouping and coming back in the second half to win the game 62 to 57.

The Falcons are soaring high today not only because they are great individuals, but because they are great athletes who work together. Led by coach Dave Forster, teammates Janette McCarroll, Amanda Gylling, Marcie Cooley, Wynona Miller, and Lucia Muniz all displayed the determination, focus, and teamwork needed to defeat their challenging opponent. The Falcons' victory was based on a combination of accurate shooting, powerful defense, and masterful passing. Throughout the intense second half, the team never lost its focus or concentration, sinking pivotal free throws and continually executing plays with perfection.

The Falcons' ability to work together is a true inspiration to any person who has ever been on a team or worked with others. Once again, congratulations to these amazing student athletes and all of Centauri High School on their great victory!

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR THOMAS J. BOYD OF SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give tribute to the Reverend Thomas J. Boyd, retiring pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. A Native Brooklynite born eighty-nine years ago in Bedford Stuyvesant, Reverend Boyd has for forty years led his flock through the true spirit of the Creator. His vision and hard work have resulted in more than half a million dollars in scholarship funds distributed to deserving young people and through his leadership, Salem Baptist Church has grown dramatically in size and membership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this tribute to the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Boyd be entered into the RECORD so that we can remember his good works and a lifetime of achievement.