

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JOHN M. EVANS

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to John M. Evans—one of our Federal Government's finest public servants and a long time resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia. This March he retired from an exceptionally distinguished career of service to his country. He has served our nation as a career civil servant for over 33 years. He has been an exceptional leader and has played a key role in ensuring effective financial management for the Department of Defense. It gives me pride to have the opportunity to honor him today for his tremendous accomplishments.

Mr. Evans began his career with the Navy in the financial management field working for various field activities. He progressed to a management position in the Military Traffic Management Command at the Department of Defense where he had responsibility for Personnel and Administration.

Mr. Evans first served in the Department of Defense Comptroller office as a senior budget analyst for a number of major Department of Defense-wide programs, including the DoD Family Housing Program, the DoD Real Property Maintenance Program, Navy Military Construction, and DoD Depot Maintenance.

Mr. Evans also served as the Director for Revolving Funds beginning in April of 2000. While Director, he was responsible for financial management oversight for all DoD revolving and working capital funds, including the Defense Working Capital funds.

Since 2001, Mr. Evans was the Director for Operations. As Director, Mr. Evans was responsible for the Department's Operations and Maintenance appropriations, including programs that support the global war on terror and the Department's homeland security functions.

Senior leaders, both in the Congress and the Department of Defense, have benefited from Mr. Evans' experience, outstanding leadership, and distinguished performance. His efforts have enabled our nation's leaders to make the most effective use of defense resources to ensure America's military strength. On behalf of my colleagues, I thank him for his service to our country and wish him well on his retirement.

WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND CONSTITUTION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the future of this country is rooted in not just respect for, but understanding the U.S. Constitution. This

past weekend more than 1,200 students from across the United States will visit Washington, DC to compete in the national finals of the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" competition. This outstanding program is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I am proud to announce that 36 students from Grant High School in my congressional district represented the State of Oregon in this national event. These young scholars have worked diligently to reach the national finals and, through their experience, have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy. My neighborhood school has won the State Championship four times in the last six years. Last year they placed second in the nation.

The three-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. The hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges on constitutional topics. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the judges who probe the depth of their understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

Congratulations to Luis Alvarez, Austin Arias, Amelia Bell, Sukey Bernard, Thomas Brant, Becca Carlson, Max Chester, David Cooper, Hopi Costello, Hallie Craddock, Emma Dobbins, Yata Doe, Thomas Dudrey, Theo Erde-Wollheim, Arjav Ezekiel, Elena Fairley, Lauren Faulkner, Hannah Fisher, Laule'a Gorden-Kuehn, Ethan Gross, Phylicia Haggerty, Jennifer Hatton, Thomas Johnson, Austin Knutson, Joe Piucci, Jesse Poquette, Evan Pulvers, Max Schober, Lydia Sheehey, Emily Short, Kyle Sias, Katie Singleton, Natalie Stoll, David Streckert, Laura Yount, Ben Zarov and teacher Matt Campeau on placing number four in the country. They represent the future leaders of our nation and Oregon is proud of them.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON ENGLISH

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Don English, who died Tuesday April 18, 2006.

Don was the man behind many of the iconic photographs of Las Vegas taken over the last four decades. Many of his photos shot over the last 40 years went out on the wire services, and he was even awarded the Life Magazine picture of the week. Don's reputation was such that he was the only photographer allowed in at Frank Sinatra's wedding to Mia Farrow. And he was one of the few that were able to shoot Elvis's wedding to Priscilla Anne Beaulieu at the Aladdin in 1967.

His ingenuity helped perpetuate the public's fascination with Las Vegas for decades, and his images will continue to be admired by people around the world for decades to come. He was truly one of the unsung heroes behind the development of Las Vegas.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and career of Don English. His contributions to Las Vegas commercial development and public image are immeasurable. He will be surely missed.

RECOGNIZING THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE'S 40-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue as it celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Since its inception in 1966, the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue has achieved great success. Through a combination of career and volunteer workers, the department has provided high quality fire, medical, emergency, environmental, and support services.

In my experiences with the department, I have seen its unwavering dedication to the Prince William County community as well as its uniformed and civilian employees' strong values of unity, performance, and personalized delivery.

The department employees' dedication does not stop at Prince William County's borders. In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, they joined their colleagues from neighboring jurisdictions to provide continual service during that time of crisis. Additionally, I have been witness to their selfless commitment to safety and humanitarian efforts across the nation, such as during the recent Katrina disaster.

I am confident that the core principles, which Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue continually display, will allow the department to continue to excel in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women who serve in the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens and congratulate their department's 40-year anniversary.

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TRIBUTE TO BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 28TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME 10K RUN

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with joy that I rise today to once again pay tribute to Bronx Community College, which will hold its 28th Annual Hall of Fame 10K Run on Saturday, May 6, 2006.

The Hall of Fame 10K Run was founded in 1978 by Bronx Community College's third president, Dr. Roscoe C. Brown. Its mission is to highlight the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, a national institution dedicated to those who have helped to make America the nation that it is today.

One of the Bronx's most anticipated yearly events, the race contributes to a strong sense of community within the Bronx and helps to promote healthy living by placing emphasis on physical fitness and achieving athletic goals.

The tradition continues under the leadership of President Carolyn G. Williams, the first woman president of Bronx Community College. Dr. Williams has endorsed and follows the commitment made by Dr. Brown to promote physical well-being as well as higher education.

As one who has run the Hall of Fame 10K Run, I can attest that the excitement it generates brings the entire borough together. It is a celebration and affirmation of life. I am happy that more than 400 people will share this experience this year—one that will surely change many of their lives forever. I salute the hundreds of joyful people who will run along the Grand Concourse, University Avenue and West 181st Street and savor the variety of celebrations. There is no better way to see our wonderful Bronx community.

I am also pleased to note that the Annual Run is also joined by a 2 Mile Fitness Walk which allows for as many people as possible, regardless of their athletic ability, to get involved and support the Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the individuals and participants who are making the Bronx Community College's 28th Annual Hall of Fame Run possible.

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL TEACHER DAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of National Teacher Day. I thank the National Education Association (NEA) for sponsoring National Teacher Day in honor of the teachers who work around the clock to help students develop the skills they need to succeed in life.

This year's National Teacher Day theme, "Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools," recognizes the instrumental role that teachers play in making sure that every child receives a quality education. In recent years, especially with increased global competition, there has

been an emphasis on the need to improve our schools and to ensure that every class is taught by high quality teachers. Fortunately, today's public school teachers are the most educated, most experienced ever. The percentage of teachers with a master's degree has more than doubled since 1961 from 23 to 57 percent, and more than 75 percent of all teachers sharpen their skills by participating in professional development related to their grade or subject area. Nine out of 10 teachers only teach subjects in their licensed subject area.

American school teachers work tirelessly to educate our Nation's students. Many of these teachers work out of crumbling old buildings, teach overcrowded classrooms and do the best they can with outdated materials and little access to technology; additionally, they are paid a salary that reflects neither their great worth nor their ability. For the benefit of children, these dedicated individuals spend an average of 50 hours per week and spend an average of \$443 per year of their own money on class supplies even though the average starting salary for teachers is only \$31,704 per year.

Confronted with a difficult job, school teachers rise to the challenge and I am grateful for today's opportunity to honor them. Unfortunately, this day is also bittersweet because as we recognize the achievements of America's teachers we must also remember the shortcomings of this Congress in failing to help them meet the mandates of No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

The No Child Left Behind Act was passed with the greatest of intentions, but major funding shortfalls have plagued school districts and handcuffed teachers, leaving them focused on federally mandated testing standards and on demonstrating adequate yearly progress (AYP) without providing them with the funding necessary to help students achieve. If this year's budget is passed as is, it would leave NCLB, an initiative that this Administration spearheaded, with \$15.4 billion less than authorized levels, bringing the total amount that has been shortchanged from the program to over \$55 billion. In a recent survey, NEA member-teachers cited "working to increase funding for public schools" as their top priority. As teachers work to make American schools great, it is a shame that this Congress has failed to fulfill its responsibility and continues to hold schools accountable to these unfunded mandates.

Today, I urge my colleagues to honor the work of America's teachers not just in word or through events, but by committing to fully fund NCLB so that our teachers can succeed in their mission of making sure every child receives a quality education.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN P. MCFADDEN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 85th birthday of John Patrick McFadden, and the anniversary of the McFadden Insurance Agency, which John started 25 years ago.

John McFadden was born July 23, 1921 in Butte, Montana. Born to Irish immigrants, John was educated in a one room school house in Boulder City, Nevada, where the family resided while John's father worked construction on the Hoover Dam. John later attended Las Vegas High School, and graduated in 1940. In 1942, after the start of World War II, John joined the United States Navy. He went to boot camp in San Diego, California, and after completing his training he was assigned to the destroyer minelayer, the USS *Shea* out of Lido Beach, New York. On May 5, 1945, the ship was struck by a Japanese kamikaze plane off the shores of Okinawa, Japan. Two-thirds of the crew of the destroyer were killed and many more wounded; John's injuries were also significant, having sustained 13 pieces of shrapnel in his left leg, severing a nerve and leaving the outside of his foot numb. His right leg, rear end, and head were also full of shrapnel. The shrapnel in his head caused temporary blindness, but after treatment in Saipan, his sight returned. John was not able to return to active duty and was honorably discharged.

In 1951, John was hired at Mercury, Nevada now known as the Nevada Test Site, to set up warehousing in both Camp 1 and Camp 3. In 1953 he was asked to go to Saudi Arabia to work in warehousing and supply and aided the building of dormitories and air strips for the U.S. Air Force, which were used by our country in Operation Desert Storm. During his tenure in Saudi Arabia, he met his wife, Rose. John and Rose subsequently moved back to Las Vegas and were married in 1957.

John trained to be an insurance adjuster, handling property claims, and with a partner formed Key Adjustment Company. He later agreed to manage Horsey Insurance, which later became Harrington-Horsey Insurance. In 1981, after managing the agency for 17 years he decided to form his own agency, now known as McFadden Insurance. This agency is now in its 25th year. During his years with the agency John served as the President of the Nevada Independent Insurance Agents for 2 years, and then served 2 terms as the State National Director for the Nevada Association. He was named "Man of the Year" by the Nevada Independent Insurance Agents in 1986. Even on the eve of his 85th birthday, he has no plans to quit working, and still comes into the office and continues to be a vital asset to the agency.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor John P. McFadden for his heroic service to America and for his personal and professional successes.

COMMEMORATING THE MOUNT VERNON YACHT CLUB'S 50TH ANNUAL COMMISSIONING DAY CEREMONIES

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Mount Vernon Yacht Club on its 50th annual Commissioning Day.

The Mount Vernon Yacht Club was founded in 1956 to offer a variety of social and water-