

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN CELEBRATION OF U.S. MARSHAL PETER J. ELLIOTT BEING NAMED "TOP COP"

### HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 10, 2007*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Marshal Peter J. Elliott on being named "Top Cop" of the nation by the National Association of Police Organizations.

The "Top Cop" award pays tribute to the men and women in law enforcement for their amazing services to America's communities. Marshal Elliott was chosen from hundreds of nominations from across the nation, and he was the only person selected from the state of Ohio.

Marshal Elliott grew up in Lakewood, Ohio, and graduated from St. Edward High School. He is a third generation law enforcement officer from the Northern District of Ohio. Four years ago, he was appointed by the President of the United States as the U.S. Marshal to manage the forty counties of the Northern District of Ohio. He is the youngest U.S. Marshal appointed in the history of the district.

Marshal Elliott created The Fugitive Safe Surrender (FSS) program after Cleveland Patrolman Leon Wayne was shot and killed by an individual wanted on a warrant. Under this program, U.S. Marshals Service works with local faith and community-based organizations to provide wanted fugitives a chance to surrender to authorities in a safe environment. FSS not only reduces the risk to law enforcement officers but also reduces injuries and deaths in the communities where fugitives live. I have had the pleasure of working with Marshal Elliott in creating legislation for this program. Last year this legislation was passed and signed into law by President George W. Bush. As a result, Marshal Elliott's idea has been adopted as a national program by the United States Marshals Service.

Along with FSS, in 2003, Marshal Elliott created the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force that has worked to greatly reduce crime in the Cleveland, Ohio area. Also, in 2003, Marshal Elliott helped bring the Gang Resistance Education and Training program to the district to help prevent youth crime and gangs. This program has teamed up with professional sports teams, non-profit organizations, universities and others to help youths in northern Ohio.

It is because of his commitment and remarkable innovation in law enforcement that I wish to acknowledge "Top Cop" Marshal Peter J. Elliott. Marshal Elliott is an outstanding man who has greatly contributed to the safety of his district and the country.

SUPPORTING TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK AND NATIONAL TEACHER DAY

### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 10, 2007*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my full support for National Teacher Day and Teacher Appreciation Week. There is no calling more noble than the profession of educator, as teachers play a vital role in shaping the future of our country and they have a deep impact on every member of our great society.

Like many of my colleagues here in Congress, I can recall wonderful teachers who helped change my life for the better and who have influenced me in profound ways, which they may never fully understand.

Madam Speaker, on a daily basis teachers are tasked with educating all of our children, in some cases spending more hours with students than they spend with their parents. Besides teaching students reading and math, educators help students learn the value of responsibility, social skills, discipline, and respect for themselves and others.

Teachers have the solemn responsibility of shaping the minds of our youth and preparing them intellectually, socially, emotionally, and psychologically to become productive and responsible members of our society.

In a time when so much is asked of our teachers, when they are required to play the role of educator, parent, counselor, and friend, it is imperative that we provide them with the tools needed to accomplish their important jobs.

I will continue to support legislation to fully fund educational initiatives such as Head Start, Pell Grants, and the No Child Left Behind Act, to name a few, and I urge all of my colleagues to do the same.

We cannot continue to emphasize accountability and high-stakes testing for our teachers, who are on the frontlines working with students, without providing them with the resources to fully and effectively accomplish their objectives.

Despite the negative press that the teaching profession regularly endures, in the face of funding cuts and intense scrutiny, I know that every one of my colleagues realizes that the vast majority of our teachers are doing yeomen's work with the resources they are given.

So I would like to commend America's teachers and express my full support for National Teacher Day and Teacher Appreciation Week. As a Member of Congress, I will continue to do all that I can to support your efforts and provide you with the resources you need.

IN HONOR OF CARDINAL MOONEY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH MIKE DOWLING

### HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 10, 2007*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual who has distinguished himself as a good coach, a dedicated teacher, and a family friend—coach Mike Dowling, who is retiring after 28 years as football coach at Cardinal Mooney High School in Sarasota.

Coach Dowling has led the Cougars to five undefeated regular seasons, six district championships, and one regional championship. His overall record of 189 to 102 is certainly impressive. Over 150 of his players have gone on to play college ball and his winning teams have enhanced school spirit and the educational mission of the school.

But a good coach does more than win games; he is also a positive influence on his players. Coach Dowling has helped hundreds of kids reach their full potential both on and off the field. In addition to teaching them how to catch, throw, tackle, and win, he helped teach them good sportsmanship and ethical conduct. His efforts on the field have helped his players build character and taught them how to show and earn respect, play fair, and be responsible—and our society as a whole is better for it.

Although his history students will still benefit from his efforts in the classroom, his players and many fans will miss him on the sidelines next fall. I congratulate Mike on a winning career and I look forward to seeing him in the stands.

### TRIBUTE TO CORRY AREA HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 10, 2007*

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, from April 28–30, 2007, more than 1200 students from across the country visited Washington, D.C. to take part in the national finals of We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution, the most extensive educational program in the country developed to educate young people about the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education by act of Congress.

I am proud to announce that a class from Corry Area High School represented the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at this prestigious national event. These outstanding students, through their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, won their statewide competition and

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earned the chance to come to our Nation's capitol and compete at the national level.

While in Washington, the students participated in a three-day academic competition that simulates a congressional hearing in which they "testify" before a panel of judges. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles as they evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. It is important to note that independent studies of the We the People program indicate that alumni of this nationally acclaimed program display a greater political tolerance and commitment to the principles and values of the Constitution and Bill of Rights than do students using traditional textbooks and approaches. With various reports and surveys that reveal the lack of civic knowledge and engagement, I am pleased to support such an outstanding program that continues to produce an enlightened and responsible citizenry.

Madam Speaker, the names of these outstanding students from Corry Area High School are: Andrew Blair, Kelsie Boyd, Karen Costello, Abe Herr, Tom Jaggi, Kaisy Kafferlin, Melissa Kimmy, Maggie Mulligan, Mathias Otten, Abby Pelc, Kathryn Robbins, Kim Sperry, Kari Swart, Andrea Vandervort, Lindsey White, and Alexis Wojcicheowski.

I also wish to commend the teacher of the class, Craig Dean, who is responsible for preparing these young constitutional experts for the national finals. Also worthy of special recognition is Beth Specker, the state coordinator, and Marlene Shellito, the district coordinator, who are among those responsible for implementing the We the People program in my state.

I congratulate these students on their exceptional achievement at the We the People national finals.

#### RECOGNIZING MOLECULAR IMAGING WEEK

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 10, 2007*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues that June 3–9 is Molecular Imaging Week. This year, Molecular Imaging Week is coinciding with SNM's (formally known as the Society of Nuclear Medicine) 54th Annual Meeting, which is taking place here in Washington, D.C. Based in Reston Virginia, SNM, with over 3,900 professional attendees and 180 exhibiting companies, will hold the world's largest event focused exclusively on the fields of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging in Washington, D.C. this year.

Annually, more than 20 million men, women, and children need noninvasive molecular/nuclear medicine procedures. These safe, cost-effective procedures include positron emission tomography (PET) scans to diagnose and monitor treatment of cancer, diagnose neurological disease such as Alzheimer's and stroke, cardiac stress tests, bone scans and follow-up for breast and prostate cancer patients, and lung scans for blood clots.

Molecular imaging and therapy procedures provide safe, painless, and cost-effective techniques to image the body and treat disease.

These procedures are crucial in the early diagnosis of cancer, renal disease, cardiac disease, and Alzheimer's. Imaging procedures often identify abnormalities very early in the progress of a disease—long before many medical problems are apparent with other diagnostic tests. The techniques that are used in molecular imaging include radiotracer imaging/nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS), optical imaging, the PET scan, ultrasound and others.

Molecular imaging offers unique insights that allow a more targeted approach to evaluation and management of heart disease. It also plays a pivotal role in guiding the management of cancer: diagnosis, staging (extent and location), assessing therapeutic targets, monitoring therapy, and evaluating prognosis; and is playing an increasingly significant role in conditions such as tumors, dementias (Alzheimer's and other), movement disorders, seizures disorders and psychiatric disorders.

Molecular imaging delivers on the promise of "personalized medicine"—it can provide patient-specific information that allows tailored treatment of disease. It can show a precise (molecular) level of detail that provides new information for diagnosis. It is also key to the development of pharmaceuticals and genetic therapy. Molecular therapy can target molecules that deliver the therapeutic agent directly to the site of interest, bypassing normal tissue and avoiding the toxic side effects of many current therapies.

In 2005, SNM created the Molecular Imaging Center of Excellence, an organizational component within SNM, dedicated to all aspects of molecular imaging in the detection and management of disease.

I applaud SNM and its members for their efforts to educate others on this major healthcare innovation during Molecular Imaging Week (June 3–9), and I urge my Colleagues to join me in supporting policies that will continue to keep our Nation on the cutting edge of molecular imaging research.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 10, 2007*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, this week is National Teacher Appreciation Week, a time to express our deep appreciation for the dedication of our nation's teachers.

It is therefore timely to also recognize the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, which celebrated its 20th anniversary earlier this month, for its dedication to teacher excellence.

National Board certification is among the highest credentials in the teaching profession. Teachers speak of National Board certification with great pride.

There are 55,000 National Board certified teachers nationwide and I look forward to seeing more National Board certified teachers in our schools as we seek to improve student achievement and close the achievement gap.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUREAU OF EXPLOSIVES

**HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 10, 2007*

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, today I would like to commend the unsung heroes who go unnoticed but who get up every morning and think about how to make our lives safer. They are the men and women who make up the independent agency known as the Bureau of Explosives, headquartered in Pueblo, Colorado at the Transportation Technology Center. This month marks the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Bureau of Explosives.

The Bureau of Explosives (BOE) was formally established in 1907 by the railroad industry to serve as an independent agency to promote the safe transportation of explosives. BOE wrote the very first hazardous materials regulations, which were subsequently adopted and expanded upon by the Interstate Commerce Commission and later the U.S. Department of Transportation.

BOE was originally called the Bureau for the Safe Transportation of Explosives, and was created under the American Railway Association (ARA), predecessor of the Association of American Railroads (AAR). With a chemical laboratory and 16 inspectors, the Bureau immediately took the lead in inspecting shipments, encouraging improvements in shipping techniques, and developing rules that form the basis of all modern regulations of hazardous shipments. Although the Bureau was granted considerable enforcement powers by the ARA in its constitution, it encouraged compliance through education. This was accomplished primarily by personally visiting shippers and railroad personnel to explain why the rules were necessary for their safety. Annual reports illustrated examples of situations where the rules were not followed. In 1913, explosives manufacturers and shippers and manufacturers of shipping containers were invited to join the Bureau. Shippers quickly began using the Bureau to improve preparation of their shipments to withstand the rigors of transportation.

Today, the BOE is managed by Transportation Technology Center, Inc. (TTCI), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Association of American Railroads. BOE inspectors located throughout North America continue to work with more than 350 member North American railroads, hazardous materials shippers, and container manufacturers and repair companies to ensure safe shipping practices. Congratulations on 100 years of work that has paid off, making the transportation of hazardous shipments by rail today safer than at any other time in our nation's history.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF COLORADO SPRINGS CITY MANAGER LORNE KRAMER

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 10, 2007*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Lorne Kramer on