

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE NORTHERN NEW JERSEY WALK NOW FOR AUTISM

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, yesterday, people of all ages, of all races, of all religions and walks of life joined together in Montclair, New Jersey for the Northern New Jersey Walk Now for Autism. Many of those who walked deal with autism on a daily basis in their homes. They walked for their sons and daughters, grandchildren, and brothers and sisters. They are remarkable for their strength and their spirit, and I commend each and every one of them for their efforts.

Each year, more and more children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, yet each year we seem to learn more and more about how little we know about autism and how to help those who must deal with it every day.

But, what we do know is that it can be a lonely world for many children with autism. It can be an equally lonely world for those who care for autistic children. What makes these walks so phenomenal is not just the awareness that they raise amongst the general public or the money they raise, but the community spirit that they generate. No parent or grandparent, sister or brother need feel alone. There is a whole family of people who know what you go through and are there to lend all the support that you need.

Because of the can-do spirit of autism families, today, we have new schools and new teaching methods to serve autistic children; we have new research to bring us closer to an understanding of autism spectrum disorders; and we have a fresh recognition of how bright and special children with autism are. I commend these families for taking on autism head-on, and I am certain that with the spirit they bring to this fight, they will change the future for all who struggle with autism.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR FRANK JACKSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Frank Jackson for his outstanding work and unyielding effort to assist the homeless population of Cleveland.

Ever since Mayor Jackson was elected to Cleveland City Council in 1989, he has been a leading force for bringing Cleveland together as one city and bridging the gaps that exist

between communities. As a result, Cleveland has blossomed into a city that unites the lives of its children, seniors, disabled people, families, businesses, and all vulnerable populations.

During his service to Cleveland, Mayor Jackson has made strong contributions to the advancement of equality, and has worked tirelessly to increase opportunities for the economically and socially disadvantaged. Mayor Jackson has supported subsidized affordable housing in Cleveland to ensure everyone has a roof over their heads. Moreover he has labored to include low income Clevelanders in the decision making process, rather than alienating them. During his successful mayoral campaign, he empowered the homeless community by involving them in the campaign and encouraging them to organize and advocate for themselves.

Mayor Jackson's tremendous service to Cleveland is a shining example of how we should all do our utmost to create a society where rather than hide from problems like poverty and homelessness, we face them and commit ourselves to their eradication. He is the first Cleveland Mayor to attend the annual Homeless Memorial Day during his term, demonstrating his solidarity with the homeless community and his commitment to addressing the concerns they face.

It is therefore with great honor that I celebrate Mayor Jackson as the recipient of the lone Biggs Award. The Award memorializes lone and celebrates her lifelong efforts to breaking down barriers in our society. Lone listened to everyone, including those with whom she did not agree. Mayor Jackson possesses the very same qualities, and I am proud of the work he is doing for our city.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mayor Frank Jackson for his outstanding and tireless efforts as an advocate for the homeless, as well as for bringing all people that share the great city of Cleveland together as one people.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES OF LAKE COUNTY ELECTRICIANS JOINT APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sincerity and admiration that I offer congratulations to several of Northwest Indiana's most talented, dedicated, and hardworking individuals. On Friday, June 1, 2007, the Lake County Electricians Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) will honor the class of 2007 at their annual Apprentice Completion Banquet, which will be held at the Avalon Manor Banquet Hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

This year, the Lake County Electricians JATC will be recognizing and honoring the following graduates, who have completed the apprentice training: Angel Alvarez, Gregory Breitzke, Ryan Cleveringa, Justin Copak, Christopher Curatolo, Matthew Deering, Sr., Steven Dodd, Brandon Fritzsche, Ryan Gregory, Brion Grooms, Dustin Hall, Daniel Kanelopoulos II, Michael Keilman, Antonio Kendrick, Christopher Levenson, Christopher Nighbert, Carlos Reices, Raymond Rodriguez, Jose Sanchez, Micah Schantz, Matthew Summers, Billy Thomas, Dave Waffler, Ryan Williams, and Robert Willis, Jr.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These outstanding graduates all exemplify these traits. They have mastered their trade and have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their commitment, hard work, and selfless sacrifice.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these committed, hardworking individuals. Along with the other extraordinary men and women of Northwest Indiana's unions, these individuals have contributed in many ways to the growth and development of the economy in Indiana's First Congressional District, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington, DC.

IN MEMORY OF MR. CLYDE R. WESTFALL

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the achievements of Clyde R. Westfall, husband, father, and devoted citizen of Braxton County, West Virginia, who passed away on April 13, 2007.

Mr. Westfall had a passion for infrastructure improvements in his community. His perseverance to the Curry Ridge Water Project was instrumental in bringing many parties together to complete the goal of running, potable water in the homes and businesses of this community.

Mr. Westfall not only provided his valuable service to his fellow citizens, but as a foreman in the coal industry. His character brought credibility to his works. He was steadfast in his desire for the betterment of his community. His diligent work, particularly to the Curry Ridge Water Project, will be beneficial to many citizens and industry for years to come.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring the life of Clyde Westfall, whose dedication and service is truly admirable. He will be sadly missed by many.

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RECOGNIZING THE BEVERLY
LIVING CENTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to congratulate the Beverly Living Center in Maryville, MO, upon receiving the prestigious "Ten Karat" award, selected by Beverly Enterprise, to honor living centers that have consistently shown excellence through areas such as quality standards, employee retention, recognition and development.

The Beverly Living Center opened in 1977 as a 108-bed skilled nursing facility and in 1986 added an assisted living community consisting of 16 apartments known as "Maryville Chateau." This facility excels in a wide variety of assistance and rehabilitation areas, including physical, occupational, speech and joint replacement therapy.

Also, I want to recognize the great leadership by the Executive Director Kim Bram. I also want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Beverly Living Centers employees as additional keys to success.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in commending the Beverly Living Center, an exceptional employer in Missouri's Sixth Congressional District for winning the "Ten Karat" award. The Beverly Living Center's commitment to excellence is inspiring, and I am honored to represent so many of its fine employees and officers in the United States Congress.

COPS IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 1700, the COPS Reauthorization Act. This legislation is a much needed and renewed commitment by this Democratic-led Congress to combat crime in our local communities and neighborhoods.

Since its inception under the leadership of the Clinton administration, the COPS program has proven to ensure greater safety for citizens in large metropolitan areas and small communities alike by providing local law enforcement with the ability to hire more police officers, increased technology assistance such as laptops for patrol cars, and new funding for programs to allow prosecutors to go after more criminals. Since 1994 117,000 new police officers have hit the streets in the United States and 414 in the area of St. Paul, which I represent.

According to an independent study done by the GAO, COPS hiring grants were responsible for reducing the crime rate in the United States by roughly 200,000 crimes between 1998 and 2000. Unfortunately, past Republican-led Congresses sharp cuts in over a billion dollars to the COPS hiring grant programs have diminished the capacity of this great program that has been critical to decreasing the crime rate across this country. To make mat-

ters worse, this year President Bush is seeking to zero-out funding for the COPS hiring programs and must not see the value of more law enforcement officers on the streets. This Congress will answer the President's call of zero funding by restoring this important program to a respectable level and add 50,000 police officers in the next 6 years to fight crime.

COPS has provided an avenue to deploy more law enforcement officers in many areas of the United States and unsurpassed technology to assist the growing law enforcement community. It is a first-rate program, I commend the gentleman from New York, Mr. Weiner for bringing this legislation to the floor and I urge all my colleagues to support this bill and the men and women in law enforcement that continue to protect our communities.

IN HONOR OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MARY ELLEN MILLER, JANICE LOSCHIAVO, META PITRELLI, AND CATHERINE ANN THABIT

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

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Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor four public servants from Bergen County, New Jersey—four school nurses in Bergen County public schools. Throughout their respected careers they've acted as medical experts and comforting friends to countless students. And, as they retire in a ceremony tonight, they leave with fond memories of all the children on whose lives they've left an indelible mark of kindness.

The days when school nurses tended to skinned knees and the unexpected onset of flu are long gone. For many children today, school nurses are their first real medical relationship. They catch diabetes early when children can still make important behavioral changes. And, far too often, they catch violence in the home while there's still time to save children's lives. They give children the chance to learn trust and to develop healthy living and to mend. And, quite simply, they give children the chance to learn because healthy minds are minds that can absorb all there is around them.

Only days after we celebrated the healing power of nurses with National Nurses Week and National School Nurses Day, it is an honor to commend these women for their service to the parents, children, and teachers of Bergen County: Catherine Anne Thabit—Westwood Regional Public Schools, Mary Ellen Miller—Bergenfield Public Schools, Janice Loschiavo—Glen Ridge Public Schools, and Meta Pitrelli—Bergenfield Public Schools.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
RIDGEWOOD YMCA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ridgewood YMCA, for over

30 years of service to the Parma, Ohio community, and for its efforts in creating a healthier, stronger and more active Northeast Ohio.

Since its groundbreaking in 1971, Ridgewood has been an invaluable resource for Ohioans of all ages. Regardless of circumstance, Ridgewood and its dedicated staff have gone to all ends to ensure community members have the resources and motivation to get fit and lead healthier lives.

Their latest program, the Y Express, has just completed its first year with resounding success. As a program aimed at meeting the needs of today's busy families the Y Express, from its strategic location in the Parmatown Mall, has logged over 40,000 member visits and continues to build partnerships and programs for its members.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Ridgewood YMCA and its successful Y Express program, as well as the efforts and energies of its committed and enthusiastic staff. Northeast Ohio is fortunate to have them.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. J.C. WADE,
JR.

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and sincerity that I wish to honor Reverend Dr. J.C. Wade, Jr. on the 50th anniversary of his ministry, as well as his 42 years of service at Zion Missionary Baptist Church in East Chicago, Indiana. Zion Missionary Baptist Church will be honoring Reverend Wade on Friday, May 25, 2007, at the Pastor's Anniversary Banquet, which will take place at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana. There will also be an anniversary service at Zion Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, May 27, 2007.

Reverend Wade was born in Memphis, Tennessee and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. As a young child, Reverend Wade accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. He was licensed in 1957 and ordained in 1961 at the Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Omaha, Nebraska. In 1961, he pastored at Samaria Baptist Church in Van Alstyne, Texas; then from 1964 to March 1965, he served the congregation at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Van Buren, Arkansas. In 1965, Reverend Wade relocated to the Zion Missionary Baptist Church in East Chicago, where he has been serving as Pastor and leader for 42 years.

Reverend Wade has held many prominent positions within the community. He is the former President of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Indiana and the State Vice President of the National Baptist Convention, for which he also serves on the Board of Directors. In addition, Reverend Wade serves as a Devotional Leader for the National Sunday School and is involved with the B.T.U. Congress—Pastors Division. He is a current member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Operation Push, and he is active with the Northwest Indiana Food Bank and the Twin City Ministerial Alliance. As if this were not impressive enough, Reverend Wade has also