

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING FRAZIER
LOCKART

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exemplary constituent and public steward, Mr. Frazer Lockart of Evergreen, Colorado. Mr. Lockart is a finalist for the 2007 Service to America Medals, a prestigious national awards program designed to pay honor to those individuals who have demonstrated great accomplishment in public service. Presented by the Partnership for Public Service, these awards highlight the successes of Federal employees who have made significant contributions to the country. This year, Mr. Lockart's achievements in completing the first successful cleanup of a former nuclear weapons production facility are commended.

Rocky Flats, located near Denver, Colorado, was a nuclear weapons production facility which closed in 1989 after Federal investigators discovered grave amounts of radioactive pollutants in surrounding soil and water sources. The extent of the pollution was so severe some officials deemed the facility beyond the point of recovery, even suggesting the site should be abandoned outright. A 1995 cleanup estimate of the facility was projected at \$35 billion over a 70-year span.

Mr. Lockart, managing an intergovernmental and private-sector contingent, began work to clean and restore the site. It took just 10 years and \$7 billion to complete. To date, the Rocky Flats project is the largest and most successful Federal cleanup, with over 95% of formerly contaminated land now reopened for public use. In fact, Congress passed the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge Act of 2001, setting aside 6,400 acres for protection and public enjoyment. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of Mr. Lockart.

The ability to effectively and efficiently handle this great undertaking is a profile to Mr. Lockart's abilities and vision. Through his efforts, all Americans are now able to enjoy the natural beauty of Colorado, and local residents now live in a healthy environment. In addition, his management style and leadership abilities have become prime examples for the success of future restoration projects.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute and congratulating Mr. Lockart for his great contribution to this Nation.

A TRIBUTE TO NIA ELENA HENRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 16th birthday of Nia Elena Henry.

Nia was born in Brooklyn, NY, and attended pre-school at the Montessori Academy in Park Slope. She stayed at the Montessori Academy throughout elementary school, after which she attended the Crown School for Law and Journalism.

At the Crown School Nia discovered her affinity for filmmaking. She demonstrated an ability to lead, and was selected to be a "Prefect" of a community service team. While serving this position, Nia orchestrated a project in which she visited and delivered gifts from her schoolmates and New York Assemblyman Clarence Norman to a disabled woman.

During the summer of seventh grade, Nia enrolled in a cultural arts program called Ifetayo. Through the program, Nia was able to take African and Modern Dancing classes, as well as participate in a program called "Rites of Passage," which she continues to attend. Nia was able to apply her filming abilities in order to make a movie about the death of her grandfather. She also volunteered to complete a cinematic project about Guatemala.

Ms. Henry currently attends the Benjamin Banneker Academy for Community Development where she became a student of the Chinese language during her freshman year. She also helped to complete a school movie made for media communications. Nia is a student with broad horizons and great ambitions. Her desire to help others is reflected in her ultimate career goal, which is to become a doctor.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the 16th birthday of Nia Elena Henry, who has achieved much more in 16 years than most are able to accomplish in a lifetime.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Nia Elena Henry.

HONORING DR. ALBERT J. SIMONE

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, with great appreciation and delight I rise today to honor a distinguished and dedicated leader, educator, administrator, and neighbor who for a decade and a half has moved his institution and his community forward.

As President of Rochester Institute of Technology, RIT, Dr. Albert J. Simone has left a lasting and profound mark not only on his professional school, but on the region it calls home. At RIT, Dr. Simone brought innovation, energy, vision and success after success to a school with 15,500 students from all across America and the world, helping make it one of the Nation's leading career-oriented universities.

The effect of his leadership has been felt well beyond campus limits and will be felt for generations to come in Rochester and western New York. A believer in education through collaboration, Dr. Simone has been indispensable

in cultivating enriching relationships with local and federal government, western New York businesses, the local community, and nations across the globe. Whether he was engaging students in college classrooms or becoming the first American university president to officially visit North Korea and Vietnam when these regions were largely closed to the United States, Dr. Simone has understood the importance of reaching out, connecting, and working together.

Ever since arriving in Rochester from Hawaii in 1992, Dr. Simone has immersed himself and RIT in the western New York community. Involved in countless organizations—including the Rochester Business Alliance, the Center for Governmental Research, the Executive Committee of Upstate Partners, and High Technology of Rochester, just to name a few—Dr. Simone has put his characteristic zeal and intelligence to work to make Rochester work. Although an incomparable educator at heart, having taught at MIT, Northeastern University, Boston College, and others, Dr. Simone has become a regional leader as much as an educational leader.

Thus, Madam Speaker, in recognition of the indelible mark Dr. Simone has left on RIT, Rochester and western New York, his remarkable educational and administrative accomplishments, and his spirit to make his community a better place, I ask that this honorable body join me in honoring Dr. Albert J. Simone.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED
PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Mr. SALI. Mr. Chairman, I am dismayed by last week's votes on issues related to abortion and foreign aid.

I joined with all but 12 of my colleagues on my side of the aisle and 25 Members of the Majority in voting against legislation that would overturn what commonly is known as the "Mexico City" policy.

First enacted by President Reagan and sustained by the first President Bush, this policy has been, for the past 6 years, the policy of our country under our current President. Put simply, the policy says this: Federal resources provided to international family planning organizations cannot be used by them to pay for abortion or efforts to overturn pro-life laws in the countries where such groups operate.

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This is entirely consistent with the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits the use of American taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions in our own country.

Yet now, only 6 months into the new Congress, the majority has decided that tying federal funding of abortions in other countries to family planning assistance is somehow acceptable.

Moreover, my friends across the aisle have enacted within the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill a provision that would make optional the requirement that 33 percent of all prevention funding be used for abstinence and marital fidelity programs.

Mr. Chairman, abstinence and faithfulness to your spouse are the only sure ways of preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and a large number of sexually transmitted diseases. Yet now we are giving programs and groups that work against such diseases the opportunity to rely more on condoms than common sense and commitment to sexual probity.

Additionally troubling is that the State/Foreign Operations bill contained \$2.4 billion for the State of Israel. This funding is especially imperative given the fact that Hamas has just gained control of the Gaza Strip.

I voted against the Foreign Operations bill because of its strange insistence that American taxpayers fund overseas abortions. That's morally wrong. It affronts the convictions of tens of millions of our fellow citizens. It is an expression of ideology, not sound foreign policy.

Mr. Chairman, Israel has no stronger supporter in Congress than me. I have cosponsored legislation to counter Iran's efforts to obtain nuclear weapons and another measure recognizing the 40th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem and calling upon the President to begin the process of relocating the United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. I have worked closely with my friends in Idahoans United for Israel and am proud of my association with supporters of Israel across the political spectrum.

Mr. Chairman, I urge you to bring a clean bill to the House floor so that my colleagues and I can vote for Israel and for funding for our State Department and its vital mission and for so many other important foreign relations-related programs.

The American people are weary of the legislative process being used to score political points. Both sides are guilty of this kind of maneuver and it needs to change. Support for Israel is too important for it to be held up by the vagaries of domestic politics. Let's have a clean bill and a clean vote.

SBA VETERANS' PROGRAMS ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the H.R. 2366, Small Business Administration (SBA) Veterans' Programs Act of 2007, an act to reauthorize and invest in the veterans entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration.

As a Korean War veteran, I appreciate the sacrifices the brave men and women who de-

fend our country make and how great a challenge it can be to return successfully to civilian life. I can relate to their struggle to obtain employment and start businesses after their service. I am supporting this act not only because it reminds me of the sacrifices of these veterans, but because legislation like this sends America a message that Congress believes in supporting and giving the necessary tools to our veterans to help them in their transition when they return from war. With this act, veterans will have the means and information to compete and participate in our economy. It is imperative that Congress let them know that we care about the sacrifices they have made and hardships that they have endured for this Nation.

Further, this act will benefit healthy veterans, disabled veterans, military units, federal agencies and veterans organizations by providing them the information required through an advertising campaign to promote awareness and education of the services available at the centers. Providing knowledge through the use of technology-assisted online counseling and distance learning technology to overcome impediments that veterans and Armed Forces service members can face enables veterans to access vital information.

Finally, it is up to Congress to do everything it can to ensure the most comprehensive service is given to all our service members. We will be taking one more step to accomplish that by supporting this act. We have the best military in the world. The best soldiers in the world. Let's have the best benefits for our soldiers. They deserve no less. Like General Douglas MacArthur said, "the soldier who is called upon to offer his life for his country, is the noblest development of mankind."

A TRIBUTE TO DARNELL P. SMITH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the work and achievements of Darnell P. Smith. Darnell began to demonstrate his leadership abilities at a very young age. While attending Brooklyn Technical High School, he was named President of the 81st Precinct Youth Council. Darnell went on to attend Hampton University, where he earned the admiration and respect of his peers by founding the African Studies Cluster of Hampton University, and serving as Vice President of the Student Government Association.

Darnell Smith continued to serve his community as a probation officer and the founder of WeCare2Cure Inc. He still works with WeCare2Cure Inc, where he is committed to providing education, employment and affordable healthcare opportunities throughout the community of Brooklyn.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the selfless efforts of Darnell P. Smith, who continues to work to improve the lives of the residents of Brooklyn.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Darnell P. Smith.

HONORING SERGEANT GREGORY J. RUDOLPH

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, with great pride and appreciation I rise today to honor a dedicated, determined and now highly acclaimed law enforcement officer who has stopped at nothing to serve his country and his neighbors.

Today I am delighted to join the chorus of well-deserved praise for Sergeant Gregory J. Rudolph, an officer who has led a life deeply committed to making his Wyoming County community a better and safer place. This year, Sgt. Rudolph was honored by both the New York State Sheriff Association and then the National Sheriff's Association as Deputy of the Year, an award reflecting Sgt. Rudolph's supreme service as an officer.

Yet more than any awards can show, Sgt. Rudolph is a true hero—a selfless individual who has risked his own life to protect the lives of others. And more than my words can demonstrate, Sgt. Rudolph is an inspiration to those in Wyoming County and beyond—a survivor who has overcome each and every challenge with a positive attitude and a steadfast strength of will.

After graduating from Genesee Community College, Sgt. Rudolph began his career of service in 1994 by enlisting in the United States Navy. While serving admirably as a Front Line Supervisor for 3 years, Sgt. Rudolph was confronted with an enemy beyond the scope of his military training—the onset of cancer. It was a battle that Sgt. Rudolph would wage with characteristic resolve and dignity, and it was a battle he would win, surviving a horrible disease and continuing on even stronger than before.

After his honorable discharge in 1997, Sgt. Rudolph returned to Wyoming County to serve in a different capacity, as a substitute teacher at Attica Central School. While teaching, he would begin his law enforcement career at the Attica Police Department in 1997, and 4 years later joined the Wyoming County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff. Described as reliable, loyal, unselfish and sincere by fellow officers, Rudolph was promoted to sergeant in 2005.

Sgt. Rudolph's well-known qualities were never more apparent than on March 15, 2006, when he would again summon his tremendous willpower to serve and protect to the best of his abilities. Responding to a call of an armed man threatening suicide, Sgt. Rudolph was struck in the face by shotgun blasts after the occupant of the house opened fire without warning or provocation. Despite his injuries, Sgt. Rudolph maintained communication with other officers and provided invaluable information, eventually leading to the peaceful arrest of the gunman and saving other officers and innocent civilians from any further injuries. Sgt. Rudolph would soon fully recover and in remarkable time return to work. A partial pellet still left lodged in his face, Sgt. Rudolph today supervises the 3 to 11 p.m. shift, a survivor yet again and a role model to us all.

Thus, Madam Speaker, in recognition of his tremendous and selfless service, as a serviceman, an educator, an officer, and a Wyoming County neighbor, I ask that this honorable