

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JOHN NICOLAS  
TREMPEL FOR ACHIEVING THE  
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, June 27, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Nicholas Tremper, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 447, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the years John has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending John Nicholas Tremper for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RETIREMENT OF PERRY HIGH  
SCHOOL TEACHER DALE  
SCHUMACHER

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, June 27, 2007*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Mr. Dale Schumacher, a wood working, automotive, and metal working teacher at Perry High School in Perry, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to the youth of Iowa.

For the last 42 years, Dale has contributed his time and his talents to the betterment of so many young adults and for this I offer him my utmost congratulations and thanks. Dale has had a large impact on shaping the lives of his students.

One of Dale's favorite things about teaching at Perry High School was serving as a sponsor to the TSA Skills program. In the 42 years since its inception, the Perry High School TSA team has never failed to qualify for nationals, thanks in large part to the guidance of Dale Schumacher. He especially enjoyed the program because it gave students a chance to show off the skills they learned in the classroom.

Dale has made a significant impact on students throughout his illustrious career and for that I express my most sincere gratitude. His leadership will be missed, but the footprint he leaves will inspire many to dream big, reach high, and achieve great things.

I consider it an honor to represent Dale Schumacher in Congress, and I wish him and his wife Alice a long, happy and healthy retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, June 27, 2007*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 549, passage of H. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" should be established, I was unavoidably detained and unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

INTRODUCTION OF APHASIA  
AWARENESS RESOLUTION

### HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, June 27, 2007*

Mr. MARKEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation to support the goals of National Aphasia Awareness Month

Aphasia is a disease that causes the loss of the ability to produce and/or comprehend language it can also impair a person's ability to read and write. Each case is different depending on the severity of the stroke or brain trauma and definitely does not affect everyone is the same way. This condition is a result of damage to the left hemisphere of the brain. The main cause of aphasia is stroke. Strokes are the third leading cause of death and disability in the United States today and their affects are felt not only by the victim but also by the victim's family and friends. Other causes of aphasia include blows to the head, gun shot wounds, and brain tumors.

Currently there is research being done on how to help people with Aphasia enjoy a better quality of life. Aphasia does not cause any kind of disability in thinking or learning but in the comprehension of things that are said and how to respond to people. People who suffer from aphasia are able to function in every day life, but they need assistance and attention. Moreover, further research is needed to improve our understanding of how to identify the risk factors that cause aphasia, prevent the occurrence of aphasia and improve the ability to function of those with the disease.

There are currently about one million cases of aphasia in the United States, and about 80,000 people are afflicted with the disease every year. By working with vocational specialists, speech-language pathologists and family and friends, many of those with aphasia may be able to obtain some sense of normalcy and regain some of their skills. I am introducing this resolution to support the goals of National Aphasia Awareness Month with the hope that it will bring more attention to this disease and give a voice to those who suffer from Aphasia who often cannot speak for themselves. This resolution recognizes June 2007 as National Aphasia Awareness Month in hopes of giving

more attention to this illness and in hopes that more recognition will highlight the importance of research and compassion to the daily struggle faced by those affected by Aphasia.

RECOGNIZING CORBIN ALEXANDER  
GAUERT FOR ACHIEVING THE  
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, June 27, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Corbin Alexander Gauert, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 447, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Corbin has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the years Corbin has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Corbin Alexander Gauert for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RAYMOND  
ROPER AND EDITH SMITH

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, June 27, 2007*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the city of Churdan, located in Greene County, in Iowa's 4th Congressional District, which will celebrate its 125th birthday with a celebration and parade from June 29th through July 1st. I also rise to recognize two of my constituents, Raymond Roper and Edith Smith, who were recently announced king and queen of the Churdan quasicentennial.

Mr. Roper received a Purple Heart for his service to the Nation in World War II. He is also a lifelong farmer whose dedication and commitment to his community inspires all of Churdan. In 1981, Raymond started the Avenue of Flags, which fly in both the Highland Township and St. Patrick cemeteries on Memorial Day and has been the supervisor of that project ever since. In 2003, Raymond received the Iowa High School Athletic Association's service award for 45 years of public address announcing four sports at Paton-Churdan High School.

Ms. Smith has been active in community activities throughout her life and is a longtime member of the Twentieth Century Club. Edith dedicated 32 years of her life to the Churdan

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Post Office where she helped countless people. After she retired, she managed a dress shop for many years. Most recently, Edith was runner-up in the 2007 Greene County bridge marathon at age 91.

Both Raymond Roper and Edith Smith have helped make Churdan and Greene County a better place through their selfless dedication to community service. Many people owe their success in life to the inspiration they both embody.

I consider it an honor to represent Raymond Roper and Edith Smith in Congress, and again I congratulate the city of Churdan on its 125th birthday celebration.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this infor-

mation, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 9

2:30 p.m. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Investigations Subcommittee To continue hearings to examine excessive speculation in the natural gas market. SD-342

JULY 10

10 a.m. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings to examine community services and support, focusing on planning across the generation. SD-106

JULY 11

10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine United States weather and environmental sat-

ellites, focusing on their readiness for the 21st century.

SR-253

Judiciary

To continue hearings to examine the Department of Justice politicizing the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence (Part VI).

SD-226

JULY 17

2:30 p.m. Veterans' Affairs To hold an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense education issues. SD-562

JULY 18

10 a.m. Judiciary To continue oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice. SH-216

JULY 25

9:30 a.m. Veterans' Affairs To hold an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs health care funding. SD-562