

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF MAYOR TIM
LESLIE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Tim Leslie of Aubrey, Texas, who passed away Thursday, January 18, from complications due to pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Tim Leslie, born in Salt Fork, Utah, moved to Denton, Texas, with his family to attend graduate school at the University of North Texas, where he later received his doctoral degree. He instantly became active in the community by starting youth baseball teams and teaching local children. He had a passion for both education and baseball, and would willingly discuss both topics with anyone. Mr. Leslie's love for baseball led to the establishment of the first baseball field in Aubrey, Texas.

As a young man, Mr. Tim Leslie realized the many benefits of schooling, and would continue to inspire others in their education endeavors. He would call college recruits for his baseball players, and he helped start the Aubrey Education Foundation, a scholarship for local students. Due to his passion for education, he ran for a position on the Aubrey ISD School Board, on which he served 11 years, many as the chairman of the school board. Mr. Leslie's intelligence and natural leadership abilities ensured his role as mayor of Aubrey in 1999. While mayor, he facilitated a new waste water treatment building, the Aubrey Area Library and Community Building, and new athletic fields for the community. With help from his wife, Mr. Leslie started the Aubrey local newspaper, the Town Charter, in 1999. One of his goals was to publish mostly positive and uplifting news, which would astound many newspaper editors. As an optimist, he had a habit of focusing on positive events in life.

Despite Mr. Leslie's faithful involvement in the community, his family continued to be a top priority. His deep love and concern for his family remained strong throughout his illness, and his loss will be greatly felt among family, friends, and the community. Mr. Leslie is survived by his wife, Allison Leslie, and three children, Chad Leslie, Tiffannie Leslie, and Jason Leslie. I extend my sincerest sympathies to his family and friends. Mayor Tim Leslie will be deeply missed and his service to our community will always be greatly appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO I.E. MILLSTONE OF
ST. LOUIS, MO

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2007

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor Saint Louis community

leader Isadore Erwin "IE" Millstone for his centennial birthday that occurred on January 6, 2007.

In the past several decades, Mr. Millstone has been nothing less than a business and civic visionary, contributing greatly both to the Saint Louis region and to the larger world.

With his firm, Millstone Construction Company, I.E. Millstone has literally built Saint Louis. His works include the Busch Memorial Stadium, highway 64/40, and the Federal Building downtown. His company has constructed everything from office towers to shopping malls to bridges and you can witness his work throughout the area.

Not content with achieving merely financial success, Mr. Millstone has been a dedicated philanthropist as well.

The impact of his leadership and generosity has been felt far and wide, from his local efforts, securing the Jewish community center for the St. Louis Jewish population and providing the resources for scholarships and various campus structures at Washington University, to his international efforts in Israel, building sustainable housing for new immigrants and helping to establish the Hebrew University.

For his hard work the world over, Mr. Millstone has been honored with numerous awards. He has earned the respect and admiration of not only family and friends but his community.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Millstone has been a true patriarch of the Saint Louis area, and it is my honor to recognize his 100 years of life.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE KEEP
OUR PACT ACT

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, it is with a sense of urgency that I reintroduce the Keep Our Promises to America's Children and Teachers Act at the beginning of the 110th Congress.

I offer the Keep Our PACT Act today to help meet the aspirations of our Nation's schoolchildren—and to help provide all of their teachers and schools with the resources they need to help them achieve those aspirations. Additionally, I offer this bill as a reminder to those of us in government of the importance of keeping our promises and of truly making education a priority.

Put it simply, the Keep Our PACT Act would put Congress on a fiscally responsible path to fully funding the No Child Left Behind Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Act—on a mandatory basis, once and for all.

Madam Speaker, the 2006 Education Appropriations bill funded No Child Left Behind at \$23.51 billion, over \$1 billion less than the previous year and \$13.36 billion below the 2006 authorized level. As a result, over 3.1

million students are not getting the extra Title I help they were promised under NCLB.

Furthermore, the 2006 Education Appropriations bill continued underfunding IDEA at \$10.7 billion—less than half of the 40% average per pupil expenditure the government originally promised states more than 30 years ago.

By keeping our commitments to NCLB and IDEA, we can support our schools and provide all of our students with resources they need to succeed.

Madam Speaker, once again I am proud to make the Keep Our PACT Act the very first piece of legislation I introduce in this Congress. Additionally, I want to thank my colleagues for joining me as original cosponsors of this bill today. We pledge to stand for the fundamental values this bill represents and invite Members from both sides of the aisle to embrace those values and get this bill passed.

CONGRATULATIONS WHEATON
WARRENVILLE SOUTH TIGERS

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2007

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wheaton Warrenville South Tigers football team for their remarkable victory in the Class 8A Illinois State championship on November 25, 2006.

After a close first quarter, Wheaton Warrenville South pulled ahead with three touchdowns in the second quarter. The Tigers' Jim O'Brien sealed the deal with an incredible 95-yard kickoff return to defeat Mt. Carmel 44-21 and claim the Illinois State championship. The Tigers finished the season with a perfect 14-0 record.

I commend the Wheaton Warrenville South players and coaches for their intensity and dedication throughout the season. Their incredible performance in the State championship is a tribute to long hours of hard work, both on and off the field.

Tigers, your families, your school, and your community are extremely proud of what you've accomplished. You have continued the great legacy of Wheaton South football. I wish you all the best in the future. Go Tigers.

HONORING ARNOLD X.C. PERKINS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Arnold X.C. Perkins. A longtime resident of California's 9th Congressional District, Arnold has served as the Director of the Alameda County Public Health Department since 1994. Throughout his

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career Arnold has been known for his unwavering dedication to promoting health and well being for all members of our community. This year Arnold celebrates his retirement after more than a decade of service to the county and many more years of distinguished work here in the Bay Area.

Arnold holds a B.A. from San Francisco State University, his Teaching Credential from the University of California at Berkeley, and he completed Masters coursework at California State University, Hayward. Throughout the course of his distinguished career, Arnold has served our community as a high school teacher and principal; nonprofit organization executive director; family counselor and advocate; foundation program officer; college teacher and administrator; and restaurant owner and operator.

Arnold came to the Alameda County Public Health Department in 1994. As director he has provided leadership and management of the administrative program and policy activities of the department, which has a budget of \$105 million and over 500 employees, and serves a population of 1.4 million people. His professional expertise is supplemented by his diverse experience and deep commitment to building and maintaining the spirit of community.

Under Arnold's leadership, the department has undergone a number of changes that are making its functions reflective of a broader vision of public health. Some of the milestones that have marked Arnold's tenure as director include, but are certainly not limited to, establishing Community Health Teams, through which the department deployed field staff in 10 neighborhoods throughout the county to provide individual and population based services; establishing the Legislative Council, which develops the Health Department's legislative platform and supports the implementation of new policy; and working with my office, the office of Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson and many others to declare an HIV/AIDS State of Emergency in the African-American community. The AIDS pandemic is devastating African Americans and other communities of color, and women in particular in these groups. Arnold's leadership has been crucial in addressing these impacts here in Alameda County and making treatment, prevention and education available and accessible to those who need it most.

In addition to his stellar work leading the Public Health Department, Arnold has been and continues to be heavily involved in a number of other boards and organizations here in the Bay Area and nationally. He has served the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as a Member of the Advisory Committee for the National Center on HIV & STD Prevention as well as the Public Health Workforce 21st Century Taskforce. He has served as the President of the West Berkeley Health Center as well as the Chair of the Professional School of Psychology. Furthermore, Arnold has served with distinction as a board member within the San Francisco Foundation; the Family Violence Prevention Fund; Youth Radio; The Mentoring Center; United Way of the Bay Area, and many more organizations. Arnold has been recognized for his service with numerous awards from organizations such as the Center for Independent Living, the U.C. Berkeley School of Public Health, YMCA of the East Bay and Bay Area Strive for Five.

Today the friends, family and colleagues of Arnold Perkins have come together to celebrate not only his retirement, but also his legacy of service and his permanent and positive impact on our community. On this very special day, I join all of them in thanking and saluting Arnold for his profound contributions to California's 9th Congressional District, our country and our world.

ANOTHER PENTAGON SMEAR

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2007

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I am sometimes thankful for small things—for example, the fact that I am not in charge of judging what pronouncement from the Bush administration is the most outrageous. While I do not have to pick the winner, I do want to note an entry that would be a strong contender for that title: the extraordinarily wrong-headed and morally flawed attack by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Cully Stimson on American lawyers who are defending people detained in Guantanamo. Not only does Mr. Stimson impugn people who have taken on an unpleasant job that is in the best traditions of the legal profession, and very much in the mainstream of American constitutional doctrine, he actually called on business leaders in this country to punish these lawyers economically for upholding these important American values.

As the Boston Globe editorial from January 16th points out, "the right to counsel is a pillar of the U.S. justice system" and the Globe correctly asserts that "Stimson's boss, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, should go beyond the Pentagon's pro forma disavowal of these remarks and ensure that Stimson watches this 'play out' from someplace other than a job at the Defense Department."

It is intolerable for a high public official of the United States Government to try to inflict economic harm on lawyers for upholding American constitutional tradition. Cully Stimson's blatant unfitness for an important public position ought to be clear to even officials of the Bush administration. It is incumbent on the President, Mr. Speaker, to repudiate these outrageous sentiments and to take the only action that can reassure lawyers in America that they will not suffer from doing their duty—firing Mr. Stimson.

[From the Boston Globe, Jan. 16, 2007]

ANOTHER PENTAGON SMEAR

When the shameful history of the Guantanamo detention center is finally written, one of the few reassuring chapters will be the way lawyers from many U.S. law firms have given pro-bono representation to prisoners who have been denied their Geneva Convention rights. It is especially outrageous that the Pentagon official responsible for detainees has maligned these lawyers and encouraged corporations to take their legal business away from their firms.

In an interview last Thursday, deputy assistant secretary of defense Cully Stimson said he found it "shocking" that lawyers from prestigious firms were representing Guantanamo detainees. "I think, quite honestly," Stimson said, "when corporate CEOs see that those firms are representing the very terrorists who hit their bottom line

back in 2001, those CEOs are going to make those law firms choose between representing terrorists or representing reputable firms, and I think that is going to have major play in the next few weeks. And we want to watch that play out."

Since the right to counsel is a pillar of the U.S. justice system, Stimson's boss, defense secretary Robert Gates, should go beyond the Pentagon's pro forma disavowal of these remarks and ensure that Stimson watches this "play out" from someplace other than a job at the Defense Department. Gates might also set the record straight by pointing out that the only inmates at Guantanamo suspected of links to the Sept. 11 attacks were brought there just recently, after long being held in secret Central Intelligence Agency prisons where they had no access to counsel whatsoever.

Twice, the Supreme Court has ruled that Guantanamo detainees' rights are being denied by the Bush administration in cases brought by the lawyers whom Stimson vilifies. In another case on behalf of Guantanamo detainees in 2005, U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler said the petitioners' lawyers are acting "in the very finest tradition of the American legal profession." It was a tradition established in part by John Adams's representation of the British soldiers accused in the Boston Massacre of 1770.

Stimson's remarks came just as critics of U.S. detention policies were noting the fifth anniversary of the use of Guantanamo as a center for indefinite imprisonment of persons captured during the war in Afghanistan, or other fronts in the war on terrorism. The administration should close Guantanamo and try any detainees that it believes responsible for acts of terror or war crimes in U.S. courts.

Congress's new Democratic majorities should repeal the law passed last year that denies detainees their habeas corpus right to challenge their continued detention. That, like the right to counsel, is another mainstay of the American legal system that must not be a victim of the war on terror.

HONORING CHIEF MICHAEL P. NEUHAARD IN RETIREMENT

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Michael P. Neuhaard upon his retirement as Fire Chief and Fairfax County Fire Marshal for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

Over the past 30 years Chief Michael Neuhaard has worked tirelessly to promote efforts that ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Fairfax County. During his career he has moved through the ranks of the department serving in such positions as assistant chief of administrative services, deputy chief of special operations, hazardous materials response team coordinator and head of hazardous materials services in the fire prevention division.

As Fire Chief and Fairfax County Fire Marshal, Chief Neuhaard oversees a staff of 1,678 personnel, 300 operational fire and EMS volunteers, and 36 fire stations. In this role he plans, coordinates, and directs the overall operation of the Fire and Rescue Department, which includes fire suppression, hazardous material abatement, emergency medical services, fire prevention, technical rescue, as well as administrative and support services.