

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA AND GROUNDS OF THE CAPITOL FOR A CEREMONY TO AWARD THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO TENZIN GYATSO, THE FOURTEENTH DALAI LAMA

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 196, which authorizes the use of the Rotunda grounds of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama. I would like to thank Congressman Brady for introducing this bill to honor such an inspirational and charismatic person who has touched the lives of millions around the world.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest expression of national appreciation for exceptional service and for lifetime contributions. The medal has been awarded to individuals from all walks of life. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, Pope John Paul II, the Navajo Code Talkers, Rosa Parks, Frank Sinatra, and Elie Wiesel are among those who have been honored. The Dalai Lama is well qualified to join the list of individuals who have received this most distinguished of honors.

Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, is recognized in the United States and throughout the world as a leading figure of moral and religious authority. He is the unrivaled spiritual and cultural leader of the Tibetan people, and has used his leadership to promote democracy, freedom, and peace for the Tibetan people through a negotiated settlement of the Tibet issue, based on autonomy within the People's Republic of China.

This Dalai Lama has led the effort to preserve the rich cultural, religious, and linguistic heritage of the Tibetan people and to promote the safeguarding of other endangered cultures throughout the world.

For his efforts on behalf of humanity, this Dalai Lama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989. His efforts to promote peace and non-violence around the globe, and to find democratic reconciliation for the Tibetan people through his "Middle Way" approach, has won him world-wide acclaim.

This Dalai Lama has significantly advanced the goal of greater understanding, tolerance, harmony, and respect among the different religious faiths of the world through interfaith dialogue and outreach to other religious leaders and, perhaps most important, he has used his moral authority to promote the concept of universal responsibility as a guiding tenet for how human beings should treat one another and the planet we share.

For these reasons, I strongly support H. Con. Res. 196 and urge my colleagues to join me in voting to authorize the use of the Ro-

tunda grounds of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama.

HONORING SHARON K. HAHS

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sharon K. Hahs on her installation as President of Northeastern Illinois University.

Dr. Hahs has displayed a lifelong commitment to education and academics, and is well suited for her new role. Prior to her service at Northeastern Illinois University, she was Dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, and Professor of Chemistry at Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado.

For over 140 years, Northeastern Illinois University has been providing excellent educational opportunities to students from Chicago and around the country. As one of the most diverse student bodies in America, the University provides a rich melting pot of experience and interaction. With a curriculum of over eighty undergraduate and graduate majors, Northeastern Illinois University offers a wide tapestry of academic opportunity. And with a historical emphasis on teacher education, the University produces a significant number of Chicago's vital public school teachers.

Undoubtedly, Dr. Hahs will not only contribute to Northeastern Illinois University's proud legacy of academics, but also expand the University's ability to educate young minds and shape Chicagoans into spirited and productive members of society.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, I congratulate Sharon Hahs on her lengthy and influential career, her recent selection as President of NEIU, and her many outstanding contributions to education. I wish Mrs. Hahs and NEIU continued success as they work to enhance the University's already sterling reputation.

CONGRATULATING MR. JACKSON CAIN

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. Jackson Cain of Littleton, Colorado, who

will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. His outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young man.

Created in 1956, the People to People Program is an educational travel program dedicated to fostering leadership potential in youth worldwide. People to People has helped more than 200,000 students and professionals develop their leadership skills based upon Dwight D. Eisenhower's belief that "people can make a difference where governments cannot." This unique interaction and exposure will enable Mr. Cain to gain a greater understanding and insider's perspective of Washington, DC.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Cain and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MR. ERIC LANGHORST FOR THE 2007-2008 MISSOURI TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mr. Eric Langhorst, of Liberty, Missouri. Mr. Eric Langhorst is the recipient of the 2007-2008 Missouri Teacher of the Year Award.

Mr. Eric Langhorst has been an educator for fourteen years. For the past seven years, he has taught history at South Valley Junior High School in order to effectively communicate with his students, Mr. Langhorst incorporates technology, debate, and guest speakers into the curriculum.

Mr. Eric Langhorst currently serves as the social studies department chairperson for South Valley Junior High School as well as being on the district's technology team. In addition, he also serves on the Clay County Board of Directors.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Eric Langhorst, whose dedication and service to the people of Liberty has been truly exceptional.

RECOGNITION OF THE RAMADAN CELEBRATION

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of introspection, fasting and spiritual renewal.

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Throughout the entire ninth month of the Islamic calendar year, Muslims demonstrate their devotion to God by fasting from sunrise until sunset. The holy month of Ramadan is also an important time for Muslim families and communities as they join together in expression of their devotion.

Many Muslims take the month of September to seek physical and spiritual renewal. In fact, more than 25,000 Muslims in my Congressional District observe this celebration to mark their steadfast commitments to faith, peace, family and heritage.

Madam Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring the celebration of the month of Ramadan and wishing Muslims a peaceful and blessed holiday.

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TAIWAN

**HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of Taiwan's decision to apply for admittance to the United Nations. I urge the Administration and the Secretary General to reconsider their positions and accept Taiwan, a sovereign and democratically elected government, as a peer in the international community.

For over 50 years, Taiwan has been a flourishing, independent and sovereign government in the developing world and Southeast Asia. Taiwan has developed a world-class democracy, serving as a model for countries in the region. The people of Taiwan inspire others in Southeast Asia and around the world who desire freedom and prosperity. America should stand with our friends who engage in peaceful democracy and Taiwan deserves our support.

Taiwan has all the qualifications for a sovereign state as laid out in the "Montevideo Convention on the Rights and Duties of States." Taiwan has a permanent population, a recognized and defined territory, government, and the capacity to enter relations with other states, including 23 members of the UN. Under Article 4 of the UN Charter, Taiwan clearly has the right to apply for membership. The Secretary General should allow Taiwan to present its case to the General Assembly and allow a vote to proceed.

Taiwan plays an important role in the international community because of its democratic and economic success. Other nations are benefiting from Taiwan's access to markets and technology. It defies logic and the principle of fairness that the Taiwanese people and government are not given the same voice as everyone else throughout the world.

In petitioning the UN for membership under the name Taiwan, President Chen Shui-bian is dutifully responding to the sentiments of his people, of which three-quarters support applying for UN membership under the name of Taiwan. This is a responsible decision by the government and not a new initiative. The government in Taipei has been petitioning for UN membership since 1993.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I urge this body to stand with our friends and allies in Taiwan. I hope you will join me in supporting strong democracy in the world by supporting Taiwan's bid for membership to the United Nations.

HONORING WOODROW SKAFF

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Woodrow "Woody" Skaff on his 90th birthday. Woodrow turned 90 on August 26th. A celebration hosted by the University of Michigan-Flint is being held on September 12th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Woody's father came to the United States in 1906. He settled in Flint and married Martha VanDemark. They started a carpet business and had five children. Woody began working in the family business during the 1930s. After World War II, his two brothers, Don and Jack, joined Woody and the three sons expanded their father's business to include furniture. The brothers continued to grow the business and operated 6 different stores. By the 1970s the third generation became involved when Woody's oldest son, George, became involved. The business continues today to be a vibrant family run enterprise built on the cornerstone of respect and service to the customer and community.

Even after retirement, Woody Skaff still maintains this respect for the community. He is involved in numerous organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint, Young Life—Christian Camp, Crossroads, the YWCA, the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, First Presbyterian Church, the Flint Institute of Music, the Flint Institute of Art and the Cultural Center. Woody has funded a scholarship program at the University of Michigan-Flint and over 30 students have benefited from his generosity.

Madam Speaker please join me in congratulating Woodrow Skaff for 90 years of living his Christian faith by loving, caring and helping others. He has made a significant contribution to the Flint community through his generosity and his example. I wish him the best in the coming year and many, many more.

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EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES  
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
ON THE DEATH OF THE  
HONORABLE PAUL E. GILLMOR,  
A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
STATE OF OHIO

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2007*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great American and a member of this House. PAUL E. GILLMOR was a veteran, lawyer, businessman, and Member of Congress from Ohio.

Congressman GILLMOR, who died on Wednesday, September 5, 2007, was a respected member of this body and respected by all who knew him. He was actually a legislator's legislator. He was known often to put aside partisan politics and reach across the aisle to legislate in a bipartisan manner for the best interests of the American people.

In 1961 he received a bachelor of arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University. Although

he was a lifelong Buckeye, PAUL GILLMOR received a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. From 1965 to 1996, he served his country in the U.S. Air Force as a judge advocate, attaining the rank of captain. He married Karen Lako, who also served in the Ohio Senate, in 1983. He had five children: daughters Linda and Julie and sons Paul and twins Adam and Connor.

Before he came to Capitol Hill in 1988, he spent 22 years in the Ohio statehouse where he became the senate president for three terms. He got to know the people, because half of this work is getting to know the people. His presence will be greatly missed and we all mourn his loss and extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

More interested in policy than in seeking the limelight, PAUL GILLMOR focused his time here in the House squarely on the needs of his constituents. On the Energy and Commerce Committee, he was deeply involved in consumer issues, including protecting consumers from unfair credit report practices. He also worked to preserve our history by supporting and improving sites honoring our Nation's Presidents.

PAUL GILLMOR was unanimously elected in 2006 by representatives of the 26 NATO countries to serve as Vice President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. As vice president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Congressman GILLMOR was the highest ranking American in this highly esteemed international organization.

Most recently, Ohio has been plagued by scandals arising from predatory lending, and Representative GILLMOR was a leader in trying to help families and communities that had been subject to predatory lending, pulling together the Ohio delegation to identify ways we can impact our neighborhoods and support laws that could impact families that had been subject to predatory lending.

Mr. Speaker, a dear colleague has fallen but he will not be forgotten. We are all saddened by our loss but we are happy to have served with him. Our prayers and condolences go out to his widow Karen, his five children, and to thousands of his friends around the Nation. He touched so many lives during his career in politics, and he will truly be missed by me and the American people.

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CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION  
OF DR. SHARON K. HAHS AS  
PRESIDENT OF NORTHEASTERN  
ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Sharon K. Hahs on her official installation as President of Northeastern Illinois University.

Located in Illinois' 5th Congressional District, Northeastern Illinois University serves over 12,000 students from the Chicago metropolitan area, providing students with an affordable, high-quality academic experience. NEIU has a population that is richly diverse in ethnicity, culture, age and language. The institution today offers over 80 undergraduate and graduate majors, and has the largest teacher